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## Why we must not lose faith in all that we hold most dear

IF THERE is one recurring issue that generates headline after headline it is surely based around faith.

But faith is a broad church, if you'll forgive the pun.

It extends far from a faith in a higher force which guides and shapes our lives and is embodied in your duty of choice.

It covers a faith in Government, both local and national, a faith in your employers, your neighbours, and even in yourself and your own abilities.

Inside this weekend's paper we perhaps get a glimpse at two opposite ends of what faith means to people.

First, we speak to the Bishop of Dover on the challenges the Church faces and his own remarkable journey which saw a life changing event deliver him a faith he draws daily strength from.

Then there is the Pantiles in Tunbridge Wells;



Editor **Chris Britcher**

one of the architectural jewels in the county's crown - yet behind the splendour it continues to struggle to stay afloat.

Traders are divided too. Some have faith the shoppers will return when the economy revives, others that it must seek an alternative, proactive approach.

It's a fascinating argument and one many retail centres will be only too familiar with.

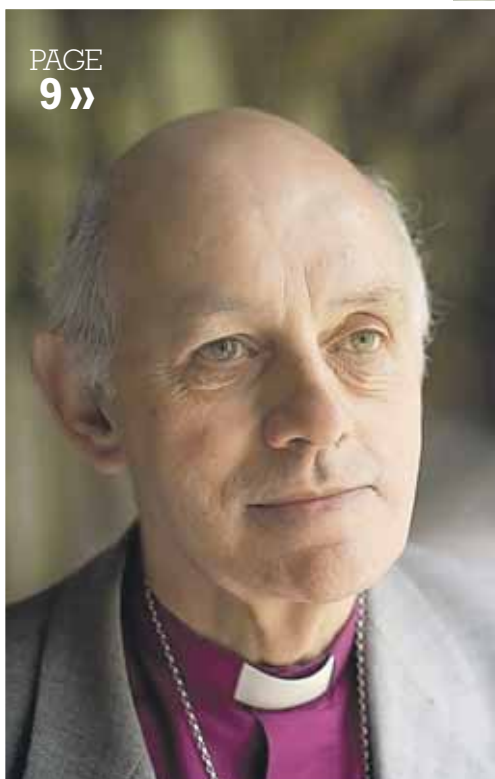
If there is one thing we must all accept, however, it is that if we lose faith in our local traders and opt instead for online shopping, we will lose them from our high street, or, indeed, our historic parades forever. And that could make us lose faith in our local communities.

It is certainly a very modern conundrum.

Either way, there's lots for you to chew over inside. We hope you enjoy it.

Have a great weekend.

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## K College race heats up as rivals close in on deal

By Chris Britcher

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FOUR Kent colleges have been confirmed as being in the running to acquire a slice of K College when the troubled further education provider splinters before the start of the 2014 academic year.

Canterbury College, East Kent College, Hadlow College and MidKent College are all competing to win the tender to take over the running of the business, which currently operates out of Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, Folkestone and Dover.

They are joined in the running by Highbury College, based in Portsmouth; Ixion Group Contracts Ltd, a not-for-profit group owned by Anglia Ruskin University; Newcastle College Group, one of the largest training and education organisations in the UK; and SEETEC Business Technology Centre Ltd, one of the UK's leading providers of training and employment services. They will all go through to the next stage of the tendering process.

A spokesman for the Skills Funding Agency, which funds further education facilities, said:



**PROGRESS:** Protests greeted initial news of the college's woes. It is expected to split into two by new owners

"We now move to the second stage of the competition process and have invited shortlisted organisations to prepare and submit full tenders to us, to demonstrate how they will fully meet the needs of the area and deliver high quality provision from August 1, 2014, whilst maintaining continuity for existing learners."

Bidders attended a 'clarification'

event hosted by K College this week, to hear from council representatives on the future skill needs of each of the towns the college currently serves.

K College principal, Phil Frier said: "I want to emphasise that for K College it will be business as usual this year, and through the transition period and into 2014/15."

Formed by the merger of West Kent and South Kent colleges in 2010, last year it ran into major financial problems as it ran up a £17m debt.

The principal resigned, along with several governors, and the Skills Funding Agency parachuted a management team to stabilise it, led by Mr Frier. K College serves nearly 15,000 students.

## Complaints flood in to water companies amid promises to do better

SOUTHERN Water has vowed to improve its service after complaints soared by more than 70 per cent last year - while the average for the industry continued to see a decline.

It follows the publication of complaint figures by the Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) which reported a 7.4 per cent drop on average.

But Southern Water's complaints rocketed by 77 per cent - 22,815 complaints compared to 12,863 the previous year - while South East Water received double the industry average of complaints, despite the overall number of problems being reduced.

Key areas of concern were billing and charges, which account for more than half of all written complaints.

Responding to the report, Southern Water said it had taken action to make things better for customers.

It says this has already resulted in a 40 per cent reduction in written complaints in June, July and August this year compared with the same

period last year.

It admitted that during 2012/13, the company received more telephone calls from its customers than it could deal with effectively, which resulted in an increase in written complaints.

Southern Water's chief customer officer, Darren Bentham, said: "I'd like to apologise for letting our customers down. Put simply, our service has not been good enough and these figures are unacceptable - but we're doing something about it."

"We've carried out a major review of almost every aspect of our work with customers and have made some key changes, including putting a new management team in place."

"Things are getting better - we have more staff on the phones covering longer hours and we are receiving fewer complaints. We're not the finished article but we've built up some great momentum."

South East Water admitted there was "still more to do" and would work closely with CCWater to improve.

## Hundreds of GTA V games swiped from back of a lorry

CROOKS stole more than 200 copies of multi-million selling video game Grand Theft Auto V this week, from the back of a lorry parked in Folkestone harbour.

The theft of the games took place at some point between 9pm last Sunday and 4pm on Monday.

The games were stacked in 14 cartons which held 15 copies of

the game each.

Police say the games would have cost some £8,400.

Kent Police is appealing for information about the theft or about games being sold under suspicious circumstances.

The critically acclaimed game sold 13 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release - making it the fastest selling game in history.

## Takeaway delight as it wins top fish and chip award

A FISH and chip shop near West Malling has been named the best in London and the south east - and will now go to battle it out to be crowned the nation's top chippy.

Papa's Barn in Ditton won the local award in the Independent Takeaway Fish & Chip Shop of the Year category of the 2014 National Fish & Chip Awards, organised by Seafish, the

organisation set up to raise standards across the seafood industry.

Owner Michael 'Papa' Adams, said: "We offer things like free teas and coffees while customers wait for their food; what we promise is quality food, not fast food."

The 10 regional winners will be judged in January and a winner announced.

## Take steps now to crack down on heating oil crooks

HOMEOWNERS are being warned to take extra steps to protect themselves from heating oil thefts after a spate of raids during last autumn and winter.

Officers say some £90,000 of thefts were recorded and with supplies of heating oil currently being replenished ahead of the drop in temperatures, police say they are proving easy pickings in rural and remote areas.

Detective Chief Superintendent Jon Sutton said: "The theft of heating oil can cause considerable distress to the victims and to replace stolen fuel in domestic tanks can cost as much as £2,000 to £3,000.

"For some victims, this means they are left struggling to heat their homes over winter months."

Advice is being sent to anyone who has been a victim of the crime over the past 12 months.

## No, Mr Bond, I expect the toy Aston Martins to sell... (and they did, for £5,800)

By Chris Murphy

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A RARE batch of James Bond toy cars, still in their original packing, sold for a staggering £5,500 at auction this week - more than double their asking price.

The special trade pack, which had never been opened, contained six of the iconic silver birch Aston Martin DB5 toys from the 1964 movie Goldfinger.

Staff at C&T Auctions in Medway were stunned when the seller arrived with the ultra rare lot.

On their own, the cars sell well, especially if they are immaculate and particularly if they come in their own unmarked box. So to get six at once, still wrapped as they were back in the day was always going to attract a high price.

The Strood auction house estimated it would sell for between £2,500 and £3,500.

But a mix of bids on the internet and in the room of the Maidstone ho-



**MINT CONDITION:** The toy cars which commanded a high price

tel where the sale took place, saw the original estimate go out of the window quicker than the henchman in the ejector seat did in the film.

Afterwards, toy expert at the auctioneers, Glen Chapman, said: "It

fetched a very good price.

"These are incredibly rare.

"The investor who sold these with us had bought them 18 years ago when a few similar packs were going around from a Corgi rep.

"A collector, who doesn't want to be named, has bought them now, but the chance of them going on display at their home is pretty slim. They will more than likely be put away for a few more years to gain more value and be sold on again."

The Aston Martin DB5 is perhaps the most famous of all Bond cars and also appeared in the movies Thunderball, Goldeneye and the most recent 007 film, Skyfall.

If you want a real model, as seen on the big screen, the last time one was auctioned it fetched around £2.6 million in 2010.

In the original book of Goldfinger, author Ian Fleming, who lived in St Margaret's, based the famous golf scene on Royal St George's in Sandwich. Although the big screen version saw Sean Connery shoot the scenes close to Pinewood Studios.



**CLOSING?:** Petition set up to fight plan

## Backlash after Waitrose says shop will close

NEARLY 130 jobs hang in the balance after upmarket supermarket Waitrose announced it plans to close a popular town centre store.

The firm said the store in the Orchards Shopping Centre in Dartford is unlikely to remain when its lease runs out in March. It claims making the shop viable has proved "extremely challenging" and that a consultation process with staff will take place.

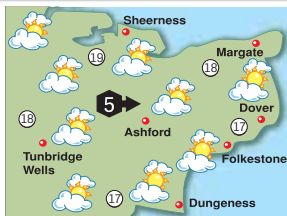
A petition has already been launched to try and persuade it to stay.

Tim Hilder, Waitrose director of operations, said: "Since 2004 we have found trading at the branch extremely challenging.

"It is therefore with regret that we are proposing to close the branch next year, subject to consulting with our employees.

"The business has considered a number of options to make the branch commercially sustainable, but unfortunately we have been unable to find a solution."

Dartford's Labour leader Geoff Prout said: "This is yet another body blow for our once proud town centre and devastating news for those whose jobs will now be at risk. It just goes to show how fragile and premature any talk of economic recovery is round here."



**TODAY:** Dry and fine with plenty of sunshine. Light westerly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F). **TONIGHT:** Dry and clear. Patchy fog. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

**TODAY'S HIGH TIDE** (Metres)

Dover	00.01	6.7	12.21	6.9
Margate	01.09	4.8	13.30	4.9
St Mary's	06.04	5.8	18.21	5.9

**WEEK AHEAD**

Monday	Max 18C	Min 9C
Tuesday	Max 19C	Min 10C
Wednesday	Max 19C	Min 10C
Thursday	Max 19C	Min 10C
Friday	Max 19C	Min 9C
Saturday	Max 17C	Min 9C

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## Lightning strikes as storms bring flooding

AT LEAST two houses were struck by lightning on Thursday night as heavy storms swept across the county.

Fire crews said homes in Herne Bay and Ramsgate were hit by lightning bolts during the electrical storm and heavy rain showers.

Both were swiftly dealt with, no-one was hurt, but electrical damage was caused.

Meanwhile, following a warning earlier in the day from the Met Office which had warned of heavy rain, the fire brigade said it had received more than a dozen reports of localised flooding.

The east of the county bore the brunt with flooding reported in Dover, Folkestone, Margate, Herne Bay and Hythe.

Again, none of the incidents were serious and all swiftly dealt with.

The good news, however, is that the weather is set to be mild and dry this weekend and into next week, with temperatures reaching 19 degrees Celsius.

## OAP duped by 'screw' trick at supermarket

SHOPPERS are being warned to be on their guard against a new distraction method being used by crooks to trick motorists in supermarket car parks.

It follows an incident at the Sainsbury's in Angel Lane, Tonbridge. A 76-year-old woman was ready to drive off when a group of men distracted her and swiped her purse.

Sgt Mark Ginsberg said: "The victim had placed her handbag on the front passenger seat. She climbed in the driver's side and shut the door but then noticed a man approaching her and pointing at her tyre.

"She said he spoke with an Eastern European accent, telling her there was a screw in her tyre. She got out of the car and he got her to kneel down and there was a screw on the ground which she believes was brand new. Later a total of £550 was withdrawn from her account."

It is thought they followed her after watching her use her PIN number.

## Report backs Barnes in Paris Brown affair

AN INDEPENDENT review into the Paris Brown youth commissioner debacle has found the recruitment process was a "very well designed and run process" effectively absolving Ann Barnes of any blame.

It comes six months after Mrs Barnes, the police and crime commissioner, came under fire for her decision to appoint 17-year-old Sheerness teen Miss Brown, who stepped down from the position after obscene rants she made on Twitter were exposed by the Mail on Sunday.

At the time, questions were raised as to why Mrs Barnes and her team at the PCC's office had failed to check the youngster's social networking site.

Now, in a report by the University of Central Lancashire, which was tasked with carrying out the review, it has been found recruitment was in fact a "robust, transparent and very well designed and run process".

The report was published on Friday afternoon.



# agenda

What will make next week's headlines...

## Children's centres set for partial reprieve?

DISCUSSIONS will commence this week into how Kent County Council will push forward with the overhaul of children's centres – with the possibility some earmarked for closure will remain open.

Plans were put forward earlier this year at County Hall for 23 out of 97 centres in Kent to close, a

drastic move which would save the authority some £1.5m.

But in what could be seen as a U-turn, KCC is now looking at potentially keeping some of those under threat open albeit with possibly shorter opening hours.

Protestors gathered at Sessions House on Friday to protest against the initial plans.



Organiser of the protest was Frances Rehal, who set up the first Sure Start Centre in Kent.

She told KoS: "Children's centres are highly valued and need to be accessible."

## Neighbourhood Watch to benefit from £100k boost

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes will announce a one-off cash boost from her office's budget for three posts which will support the county's Neighbourhood Watch initiative.

The £100,000 will go towards raising awareness and communication.

Mrs Barnes will announce

the funding at a meeting of the Kent Police and Crime Panel on Tuesday at County Hall, where she will also give her support for the recruitment of Specials by agreeing to provide £30,000 for a fixed term new post to assist with recruitment.

She will also release £10,000 for a volunteer police cadet programme.

## ...also

### Teens on robbery charge

TWO teenagers will appear in court on Tuesday faced with robbery charges.

The 16-year-old and 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, will appear at Dartford Magistrates' Court.

The victims were an elderly woman, 80, in Gravesend and man, 23, in Chatham.

### Mental health events

A SERIES of fundraising events is taking place across the county as part of World Mental Health Day on Thursday.

It will give people the chance to talk about any concerns they may have.

To find an event near you see [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk).

### Chance to quiz rail chiefs

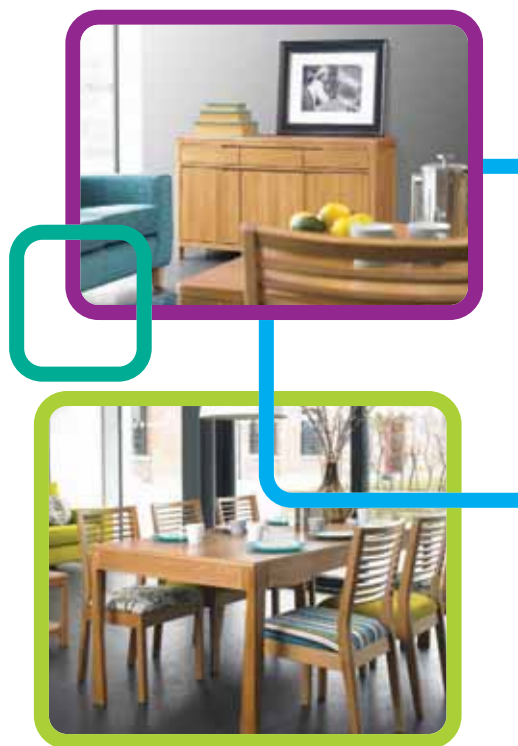
COMMUTERS will on Thursday have the chance to quiz managers of Southeastern at Charing Cross station.

Passengers wishing to raise concerns with train bosses are asked to go to the Southeastern stand located on the main platform concourse from 8am to 10am.

### Outpatient service talks

HEALTH chiefs at Kent County Council will discuss the results of a consultation into NHS outpatient hospital services in east Kent on Friday.

NHS bosses have been examining how to enhance services after patient surveys suggested the need for improvements.



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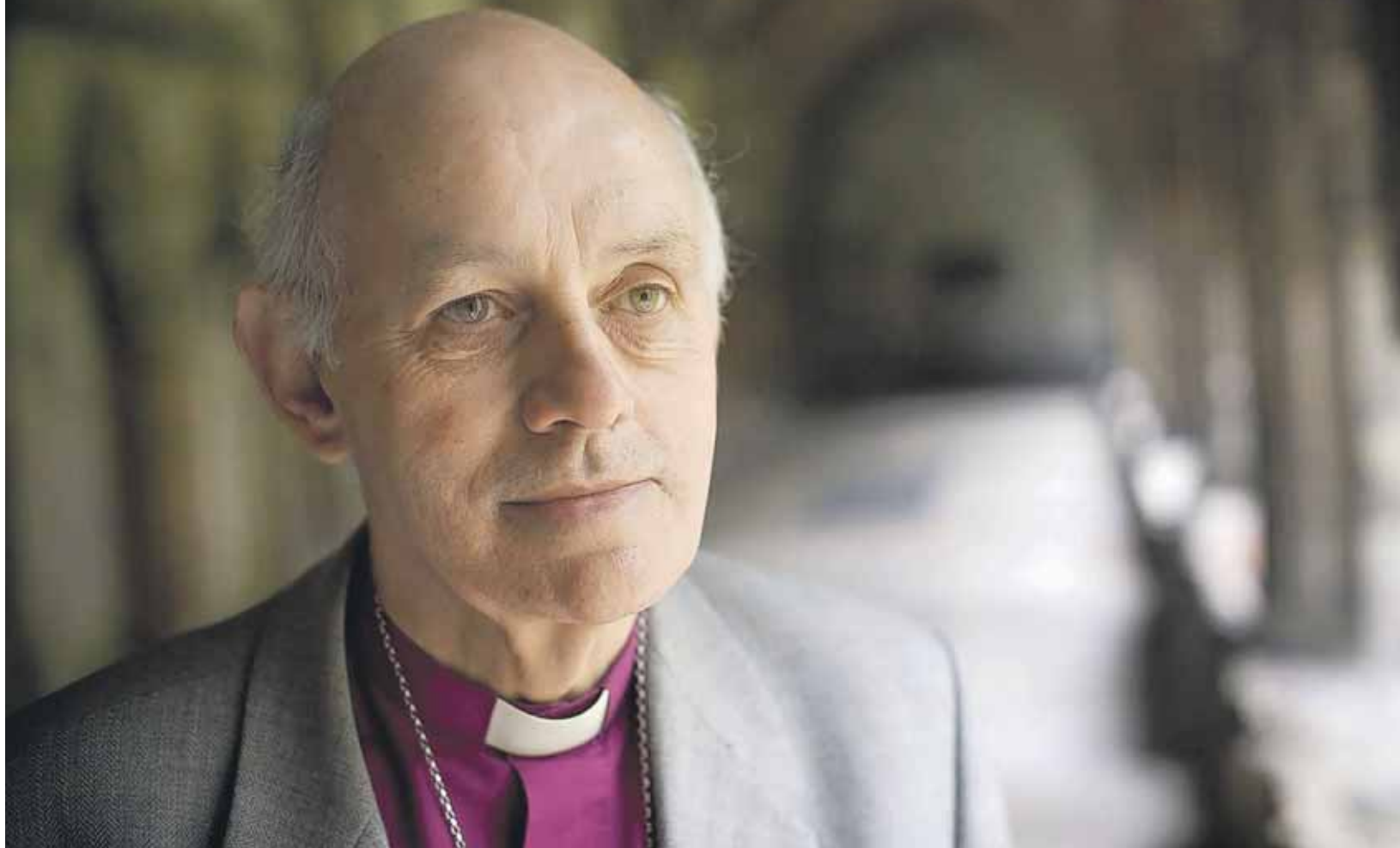
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# ‘I sense a growing thirst for an experience with God’

Finding your faith comes in many guises, but for the Bishop of Dover Trevor Willmott a near-fatal accident saw him change his career and embark on a life serving God, as **Joe Bill** discovered

**S**TOOD in the shadow of the awe-inspiring spires and steeples of Canterbury Cathedral, dressed in traditional purple tunic and jacket, the Bishop of Dover reflected on how different his life could have been.

Clutching the crucifix that hangs around his neck, Trevor Willmott remembered how an horrific accident would change the path of his life forever, and put him on the road to religion.

“Oh no, I didn’t have faith as a child,” he reflected.

“I grew up in a very loving home, but faith was not part of it. I was given faith – and I say that deliberately – in my teenage years.”

Having grown up in Plymouth, he left school to study at St Peter’s College at Oxford; his ambition to become a lawyer, but first to secure the classics degree he was studying.

He said: “When I finished my studies I wanted to become a lawyer, I had a very clear route in front of me. But in my final year of my first degree at Oxford, so I must have been 21, I was involved in a motor accident.”

The crash was traumatic and life changing.

He would spend more than six months in hospital as he underwent a painstaking recovery.

“It was clear, looking back at it now and hearing what everyone said about how life threatening it was, many of the people in the hospital assumed I was not going to live. But it created that life-changing moment of reflection,” he said.

“I suppose it was that experience which made me question who I am and what I might do with my life.”

Dreams of becoming a lawyer were put to one side. Now armed with a profound sense of faith, his career

took a very different turn to what he had expected.

“Out of that incident came the suggestion, not just from me but from others as well, that perhaps ordination would make sense for me,” he says.

“That was tested by the Church and I was later ordained. But I certainly didn’t have faith as a child, and that is why it came as a gift.”

He would study for ordination at Fitzwilliam College and Wescott House in Cambridge.

Two years after that life-defining crash he was ordained and a year later became curate at St George’s in the parish of Norton in Letchworth Garden City.

Four years later his faith took him across Europe; first becoming an assistant chaplain in Oslo, then a chaplain in Naples.

In addition, he spent four years as ‘officiating chaplain’ to British and US

forces in southern Europe before returning to the UK.

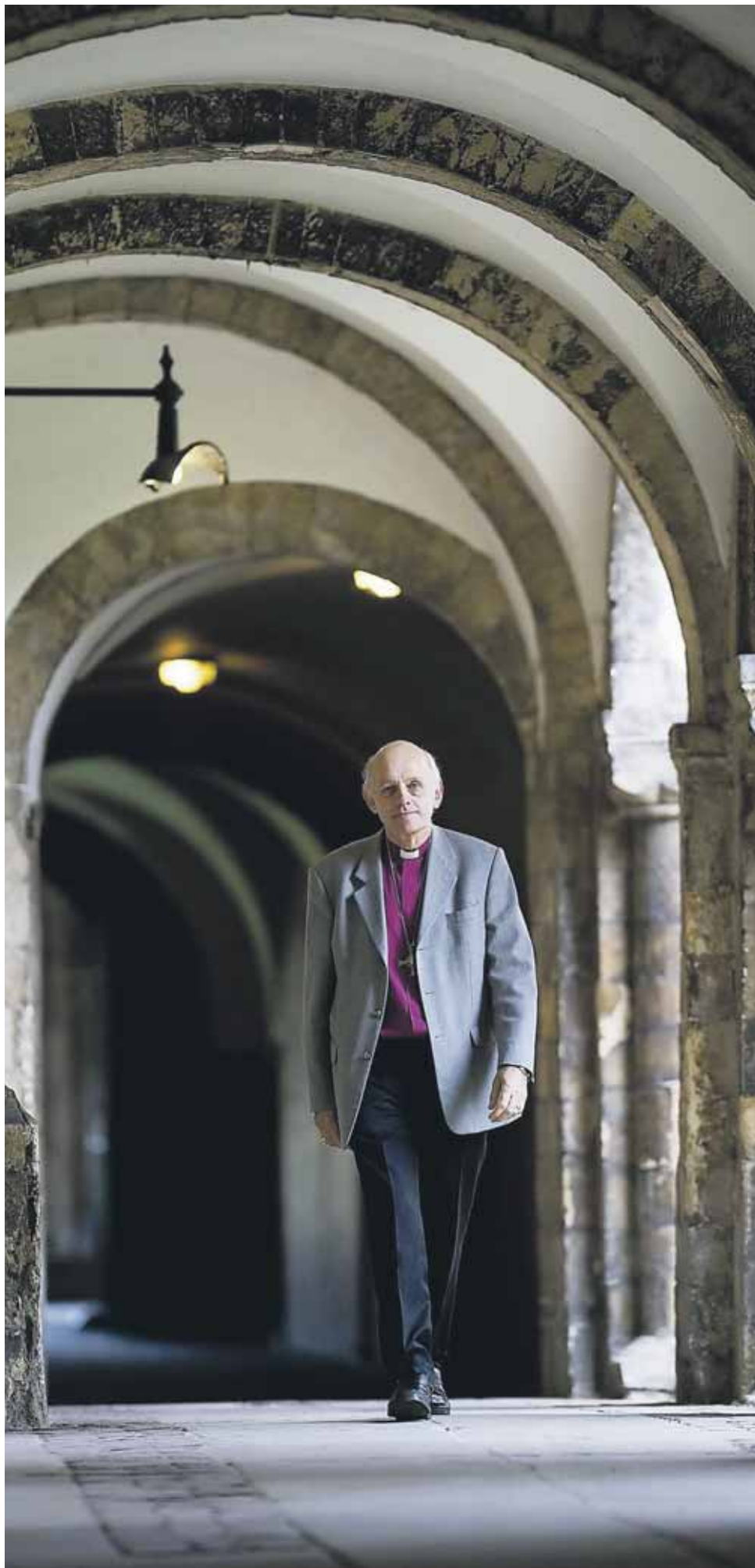
He progressed before being made a canon of Peterborough Cathedral and then residentiary canon of Durham Cathedral and Archdeacon of Durham.

After becoming Bishop of Basingstoke at Winchester Cathedral in 2002, it would be another eight years before he finally completed his pilgrimage to the diocese of Canterbury.

He moved to Kent with his wife Margaret – the couple have one daughter – in 2010, to take up his position as Bishop of Dover.

Swiftly nicknamed Bishop Trev, he is frequently referred to as the Archbishop of Canterbury’s right-hand man.

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott also has the second title of the ‘Bishop in



Canterbury', serving as the stay-at-home cleric while the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, takes up residence in Lambeth Palace, London.

The Bishop explains: "This means I am responsible for the day-to-day life of the diocese in terms of helping it to discern its vision, and to then help the community to live out that vision in their daily lives.

"Most of my life is spent in the communities of the diocese, but I also have responsibilities in the national Church. I work nationally on some of the big issues confronting both the Church and society as a whole."

It is not a role to underestimate. With the Archbishop spending so much time outside of the diocese, the Bishop of Dover is seen as having responsibility for the very heart of the Church of England.

"I still see a lot of the Archbishop in London because of my national work which engages with him," he said.

"He's in the diocese as often as he can be, but bear in mind he has international responsibilities.

"The diocese sees itself as a place of encouragement, reflection, prayer and refreshment for the Archbishop. He doesn't engage in what I call the 'structural life' of the diocese.

"When he is here, he likes to go out into parishes and to be a priest.

"We still see a lot of each other, but more outside of the diocese rather than in it."

**T**he 63-year-old says he has already thrown himself into the ways of the county and admits he enjoys living close to both the sea and the countryside.

He is also very much in tune with the role of the Church in today's society and its need to adapt to ensure it serves a society very different to that when he was first ordained.

"There isn't an application process," he explains.

"The Church looks at its clergy and discerns whether there are people here who are capable of being leaders for the Church and for society.

"So much of my life has been taken up with questions of the Church's response to society and how to equip its ministers to work within the world."

One of the great regrets of Dr Rowan Williams was that he saw the push for women to be ordained as bishops defeated at the General Synod in the winter of his time as Archbishop of Canterbury.

The decision ignited great debate both in and outside the Church.

Dr Williams was far from alone in thinking the vote was divisive in trying to convince modern society that the Church is well equipped to handle the realities of today.

The Bishop clearly shares Dr Williams' disappointment.

"I have always believed that God is calling both men and women to share in the ordained ministry of the Church," he says.

"I believe it; not just as a matter of justice, I believe it because that is the nature of being human. I will continue to work for, and always have, the ordination of women as bishops.

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Another contentious issue in re-

cent years has been that of gay marriage. When MPs had the vote in Westminster earlier this year, it gave the green light for same-sex marriage to assume the same status as that between a man and a woman.

Campaigners hailed it a great victory – even though churches will have the right to not conduct the service if they opt not to.

And it would be fair to say the mood of the Church of England has been widely opposed.

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"I have no room for any homophobia in any action whatsoever.

"I would say that at times the Church has not acted as it might have done towards civil partnerships.

"I think we need to be much more open and have a willingness to engage and minister to people in a civil partnership and in due course, as it's going to be the law of the land, in same-sex marriage."

Following the defeat for women bishops and the debate over same-sex marriage the Church has embraced the welcome distraction of other news stories allowing it to lick its wounds and regroup.

But how are disagreements solved within the Church where there is often no clear party line to follow, and opinions differ from minister to minister?

"Well, I'd like to be able to say we handle them brilliantly well," he smiles, "but the reality is that we probably start the way most people start.

"But I hope what the Church brings to disagreement is first of all the willingness to listen, and secondly the desire to find a place in which difference can flourish.

"It is all about being able to live and recognise the value in each other. There are some glimpses of that in our present discussion about the issue of women bishops.

"I think more people are beginning to say it's a healthy Church which has within it the flourishing of difference."

As much as religion still holds a place in the hearts of millions of people across that UK, there is always going to be a certain amount of apathy towards the Church.

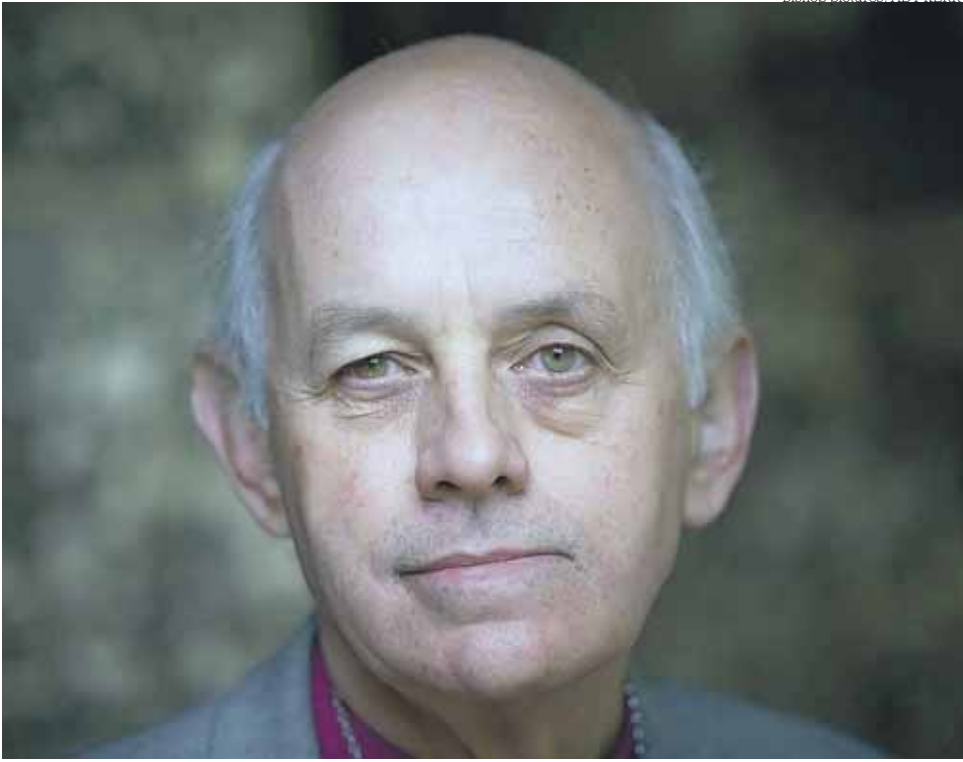
With it taking a less important role in many people's lives and as our society continues to diversify and evolve, is there a chance the Church will be left in the past?

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the Bishop remains confident of its continuing

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**DEEP THINKER:** Since moving to Kent with his family in 2010, Bishop Trevor has fallen in love with the county

significant role in society and British life.

"In my experience there are an increasing number of people who are asking the big questions about why and what.

"The challenge for the Church is whether they can find a community that wants to engage in those questions. I sense there is a growing thirst for what we sometimes call spirituality, or for an experience of God."

The Bishop has lived and worked in Greece, Italy, South Africa and America and is positive religion still has a home in every country in the world.

He said: "My own view is that our society is more critical, and I want to say this positively, of the Church than it ever has been. And I think that is a challenge to the Church to say 'does what we say and believe help people to find meaning for their lives?'"

Nothing has provided a better example of "need" for the Bishop than his recent work close to home where he witnessed first-hand real poverty in Thanet.

He said: "I have a passion for the dignity of every human being.

"I think that here in east Kent we have some of the most corrosive experiences of poverty and neglect that I have experienced anywhere, ever.

"I can see in some of our communities a sense of loss. I was talking this week with families in Thanet, one of whom had just enough money for Pot Noodles to share among the family, one pot each. That's all they ate for six days. That is a stain on our society.

"I am not saying this to criticise others, but we all have a responsibility to care for the most marginalised and to give them identity and confidence."

The hands-on Bishop even spent a night sleeping rough and listening to stories of homeless people in Canterbury who have been helped by local charity Porchlight.

"We don't know what it is to be homeless, but as I listened to people who are, you can feel their sense of rejection and of unworthiness.

"As a Christian, and a human being, I have to do everything I can to change that for them. They matter.

"The sleepover was a way of saying there are issues that belong to all of us.

"It was to make simple connections so that someone won't just be described as 'homeless', as if that defines a person in their entirety."

This ever-evolving world is not the only obstacle that faces the Church of England. The multicultural society that is modern-day Britain brings with it the issue of integration between different faiths.

**F**ollowing the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the London bombings, tensions have no doubt been heightened around the followers of Islam.

The brutal death of Drummer Lee Rigby on the streets of Woolwich earlier this year sparked attacks on a mosque in Gillingham and an Islamic school in Chislehurst, forcing the debate of integration within the county.

"In my experience, what breeds fear the most is ignorance. Fear of the other is often because we don't know the other.

"To actually know more of what Muslims believe and to recognise that it's a travesty to say the tragedies are undertaken by people of a certain faith, without knowing whether that's true or not.

"There are extremes across society in both individuals and groups, so one of our challenges is to get beneath the surface of that so as not to categorise people as all being somehow the same.

"Where people of different faiths engage in dialogue, there are the seeds of integration sewn. Where there is no dialogue then you will have a more divided and disintegrated society."

Away from the rigours of the diocese, the Bishop is a huge cricket fan and this year watched his beloved Durham lift the championship trophy for a third time.

But now in his Canterbury home,

he is comfortable enough to share his allegiances and give the Kent teams his blessing and backing.

"I'm passionate about cricket and rugby; I believe they are the only games worth playing and enjoying!

"I try to go to cricket here in Kent as often as I can, as much as I try and get to Canterbury Rugby Club, but not often enough.

"The games are hugely enjoyable; the fellowship, friendship and hospitality – as well as the banter that goes with a group of people enjoying life.

"I was living in County Durham when their team was going through the depths of despair as to whether there was a future for the club. And I rejoiced when they began to move through that despair into new life.

"To see them winning the championship for the third time is something I would hope and pray and encourage for us here in Kent."

And despite his serene nature and peaceful outlook on life, he is not opposed to the England team giving the Aussies a good thrashing.

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So has the multilingualist finally found a home in the heart of the Garden of England?

"It's interesting," he ponders. "I'm not one of those people who settles very easily. But I am an absolute convert to Kent, and east Kent in particular. I keep saying to my friends to come down and see it all.

"We all know that we who are in ministry for the Church do move on from time to time. But I have no hope and no desire to leave Kent at the moment, it's a great place to be.

"I love being by the sea, particularly in winter time, and I love the deepest rural parts of the county. So east Kent meets me in almost every need I have. Give me the sea and I am home."

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**"**I still see a lot of the Archbishop in London because of my national work which engages with him.

He's in the diocese as often as he can be, but bear in mind he has international responsibilities.

The diocese sees itself as a place of encouragement, reflection, prayer and refreshment for the Archbishop.

He doesn't engage in what I call the 'structural life' of the diocese.

When he is here, he likes to go

out into parishes and be a priest.

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Pictures: ADY KERRY



# Our most divisive game?

Love it or loathe it, the game season is upon us. **Joe Bill** looks into the controversial countryside activity

WHETHER it harks back to our primitive hunter-gatherer instincts or has simply become a romanticised image of rural life, many are drawn to the spectacle of the game season.

And as the season got under way this week, organised parties will be taking to the county's fields and woodlands in the hope of bagging a pheasant.

Game has become an increasingly popular alternative to traditional meats. Pheasant, grouse, duck, deer, hare and rabbit are appearing in butchers and farmers' shops and on the menu of imaginative restaurants.

But for everyone who has a soft spot for a throwback to a by-gone age, there are plenty who oppose it.

Animal welfare groups accuse game shooters of "manufacturing feathered targets" and destroying native species. Once more, it puts those opposed to any form of blood sport on a collision course with those wedded to traditional rural past-times.

The Countryside Alliance – a vocal pro-rural group that also supported fox hunting – has a Game To Eat campaign which encourages consumers to try the wild meats.

This points to the lean meats being low in cholesterol and high in protein, which ties in with a general shift towards adopting healthier foods.

It says the campaign has so far proved a big hit.

A spokesman for the scheme said: "This year has brought a huge shift in public perception towards food, with demand for traceable and reliable

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meats increasing. Wild game ticks all the right boxes. There will be no artificial additions to the meat, either before or after they are killed. It will be 100 per cent healthy meat that has enjoyed a wild life – free range and organic at its best.”

It says some 10,000 retailers now stock game.

But just as vocal are those opposed to the farming of the animals.

Tonbridge-based charity Animal Aid has long campaigned against the season. It believes it encourages some farmers to over-intensify their bird-breeding programmes.

Chief executive Andrew Tyler insists the sport is motivated by the desire for financial gain from the farmers raising the birds and the shooting party organisers – and nothing to do with nutritional benefits.

Mr Tyler said: "Every year in this country 40 million pheasants are

## HUNTING DATES

- The pheasant season runs until February.
- Grouse begins, traditionally, on the Glorious 12th – August 12 – while partridge, duck and goose begins in September and closes in January.
- The hare season runs from August to February.
- For more about the Game Farmers' Association see [www.gfa.org.uk](http://www.gfa.org.uk)
- For more on those opposed to shooting animals for sport, see [www.animalaid.org.uk](http://www.animalaid.org.uk)

produced in industrial hatcheries and many are raised in outdoor battery cages. These are not domesticated animals and there is a lot of tension, so they have bits fitted to their beaks to stop them pecking each other.”

Mr Tyler added that after the birds are released onto shooting land they are already "used to being fed and are institutionalised" making them poor at adapting to the wild.

He said: "It cost 13 times as much to rear the birds than they fetch at retail. So it is not efficient. It's about manufacturing an animal target rather than food production.

"To protect all these birds around the farms and elsewhere, indigenous species are trapped and shot and snared in huge numbers. Foxes, stoats,

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weasels – which the gun lobby calls vermin – are killed. Any normal person would call them indigenous species. It is disgusting and uncivilised.”

Chief executive of the League Against Cruel Sports, Joe Duckworth, added: "Commercial shooting is nothing short of mass slaughter on an industrial scale. The industry thrives on taking pleasure from animal suffering. It is appalling that inexperienced shooters and even children can take pot shots at the birds.”

Yet industry experts are adamant the season – which started on October 1 – is crucial to the rural economy, with an estimated 11,000 jobs supported in the south east alone.

In 2006, an independent report was commissioned by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation along with the Countryside Alliance, Country Land and Business Association, and the then Game Con-

servancy Trust – looking into the shooting sports economy.

Across the UK it was estimated that shooters spent £2 billion each year on goods and services and shooting was worth £1.6bn to the UK economy.

The survey also revealed that in the south east, 1,300 hectares of rural land was influenced by shooting.

Adrian Blackmore is shooting director for the Countryside Alliance.

He explained: "The importance of shooting is fundamental to both the environment and the rural economy.

"The amount of overseas people who come to shoot shows we are unique. Grouse is unique to the UK, you don't find red grouse anywhere else and that attracts a lot of people.

"There are also huge benefits of planting cover crops in hunting areas, it is of benefit for the environment"

Mr Blackmore is also quick to promote the eating of the meat shot during game season and believes shooting the birds for food is no different to eating pork from a supermarket.

He added: "Game is totally natural, it's organic, it's not kept in chicken farms, they are out in the wild. It's a very healthy meat and is also very affordable. If you say killing is cruel, then yes it is. But anything in a supermarket or a butchers has been killed.

"So long as they are killed cleanly and you have the right ammunition, it is a more humane way of doing it."

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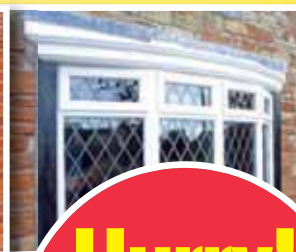
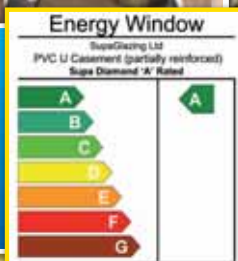
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## Focus

**T**HE methods deployed to prevent motorists from flouting the law is a topic which divides opinion and sends blood pressure soaring.

Whether it is the use of CCTV cameras on motorways or police patrols, those behind the wheel are split between believing the state sees them as nothing more than a source of limitless funds or pleased to see those who put others at risk being punished.

Yet there are unlikely to be many tears shed for the CCTV car – the council-operated vehicles which patrol streets snapping images of drivers parking on double yellow lines or using bus lanes. Especially as the first time many become aware they were caught is when a fine lands on their door mat.

So when communities secretary Eric Pickles – a man whose reputation on various planning issues has already ensured the word ‘controversial’ is a regular prefix – revealed he has the CCTV car in his sights with a view to removing them from our roads for good, many will have admitted to a smile.

No more so than in Medway where they have patrolled the streets since 2008.

The white vehicle with its mounted camera has captured tens of thousands of motorists – 8,500 of which have appealed against their tickets.

At the peak of the backlash, motorists even began following these ‘spy’ cars and snapping them if they made the foolish mistake of parking on kerbs or on double yellows themselves.

Mr Pickles’ view that he wants to “rein in over-zealous and unfair rules on parking enforcement” will certainly hit a chord in the Medway towns.

Labour’s parliamentary hopeful for Chatham and Aylesford, Tristan Osborne, is urging Medway Council’s Conservative administration to follow Mr Pickles’ lead and scrap the “white vulture” as soon as possible.

It is reported the Medway cars have raised £1.75 million in revenue since they first took to the streets five years ago, issuing a remarkable 58,000 tickets.

Mr Osborne says that with the CCTV cars on a monthly rolling contract, the authority could move swiftly and banish them from the streets by Christmas.

He said: “With the announcement from Eric Pickles, it surely cannot be acceptable for the Medway Conservatives to continue to fleece residents of millions of pounds through the use of these ‘white vultures’?”

“The move by the Government only reinforces the view that has been consistently stated for years, that these cars were acting like they were above the law and contrary to natural justice.”

“I am calling on Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers to scrap the cars before Christmas and give everyone an early present.”

The apparent softening from central government comes following a Conservative Party briefing which said using the CCTV cars for parking enforcement was damaging the high street and was “detrimental to natural justice”, as penalty notices are issued in the post with no opportunity for motorists to “examine the parking location as it was at the time of the alleged contravention”.

A government consultation paper will suggest amending legislation of the 2004 act to outlaw the practice.

The move has been heavily backed by motorist organisations like the AA. Its president, Edmund King, said that parking control had “lost its way” and the huge profits being made by local authorities could “open them up to accusations of profiteering”.

An AA spokesman said: “We have held the view for a long time that CCTV enforcement can be a blunt instrument.

“If it’s going to be used it needs to be used intelligently in accordance with the Department for Transport rules, and not to make easy pickings.



**MAN WITH A PLAN:**  
Eric Pickles wants the  
brakes on ‘cash cows’

**“I believe CCTV should be used for catching criminals, preventing crime; not as a casino for local authorities to get some more money”**

**Eric Pickles**, communities minister, gives his reason for wanting to end CCTV cars

“It cannot detect a blue badge; it cannot detect if someone has stopped to read a map; and it can lead to over-zealous enforcement. It is better to have civil enforcement officers on the street to deter further offences.”

But Medway Council is standing firm over its cars until an official ruling has been given.

Frontline services chief Phil Filmer spoke out in full support of the CCTV car, saying it helps to keep the streets safe for both motorists and pedestrians.

He said: “Medway Council is committed to keeping its roads as safe as possible and our CCTV car plays an important role in doing this.”

“Vehicles parked on double yellow lines and outside schools represent a safety concern by obscuring views and limiting access for emergency service vehicles.

“Until legislation prohibits the use of CCTV cars we will continue using them to keep our streets clear and our roads safe, especially around our schools.”

While most motorists have their minds closed to any excuses for such monitoring, it is hard to dismiss the view of many local authorities who see it as both a means to ensure roads are left clear, while generating valuable revenues



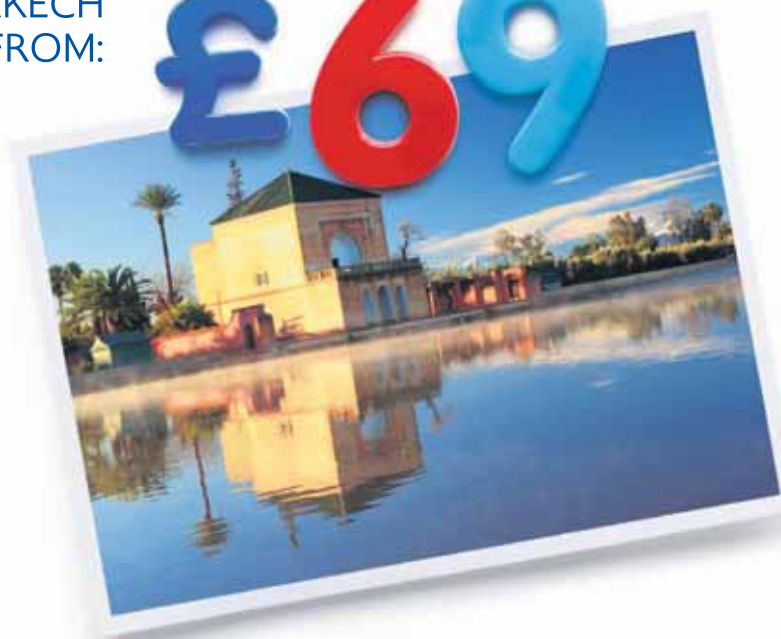
Motorists hate them, councils need them, but it would appear the clocking is ticking for the mobile method of catching out drivers flouting the rules. **Joe Bill** buckles up and weighs up the arguments

# Pickles' plan to drive controversial CCTV cars off our roads



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against a back drop of constant cut-backs in council budgets.

Medway is far from alone in utilising the CCTV car.

Across the UK there are some 75 local authorities using them to enforce parking restrictions afforded to them under the then-Labour government's 2004 Traffic Management Act.

Elsewhere in Kent, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is another CCTV car convert. Only days before Mr Pickles' announcement, the council confirmed it was rolling the cars out to patrol bus lanes in the town centre to clamp down on problems.

Tunbridge Wells chiefs say they are awaiting full details before making any decision.

Transport portfolio holder at the authority, Alan McDermott, said: "What we don't know from the announcement by Mr Pickles is the detail of the reforms being talked about.

"Until we have that we can't really comment on how this will affect the borough's CCTV car."

The Conservatives' new proposals could include banning all static CCTV parking cameras and car-mounted cameras – instead allowing only visible traffic wardens to film vehicles.

They could also review "unnecessary" yellow lines as well as improving drivers' rights to redress when fined inappropriately.

It is a review warmly welcomed by the Kent branch of the Association of British Drivers.

Terry Hudson, from the drivers' group, believes that parking enforcement should return to the hands of traffic wardens and rules on what

drivers can and can't do should be nationalised and made more clear.

He said: "When the traffic wardens came out in the 1950s, they were accountable to the police and that is how it should be. Now we have loads of private companies and councils making their own rules and regulations. Every town is different so it's a

**“ The fact less than one per cent go to adjudication shows, in the majority of cases, councils get it right ”**

**Tony Ball**, vice-chair of the LGA economy and transport board

nightmare for motorists – especially with parking."

The group also favours scrapping mobile camera vehicles and believes they are already operating illegally.

Mr Hudson added: "CCTV cars have certainly been a good money spinner. They were supposed to be used where it wasn't practical for traffic wardens to get to, but as we know they have gone past that.

"They take just a fraction of a second to pinch people. You could stop for 10 seconds and the car can take a photograph of you parked there and fine you. You are not supposed to make a profit from parking, and if councils do, they are meant to plough it back into road schemes. But they are making a profit from parking fines and now use it as a general revenue raising method, which is illegal."

The Government has reported that in the last five years, car-mounted

cameras have issued more than 10 million fines, totalling £301 million, across the UK.

But local councils argue these cameras are not used as a money-making scheme and really do help to keep the roads clear and safe for emergency services as well as around schools.

Road safety charity Brake is one organisation which has jumped to the defence of the CCTV parking enforcement facilities.

Senior campaigns officer Ellen Booth said: "Most people would agree we need parking restrictions, so drivers don't park in places where they would be causing a hazard, particularly pedestrians or cyclists, and aren't blocking entrances or reducing other drivers' ability to see oncoming traffic.

"And if we agree with, and have these laws, we need to enforce them, or no-one will obey them. It makes very little sense to take away a cheap

tool used to enforce laws which make our roads safer, and try to replace that with officers we just don't have."

In announcing the re-examination of the system, Mr Pickles said: "Car parking is being used as a way of raising money and the law is very clear: local authorities can't do that. I believe CCTV should be used for catching criminals, preventing crime; not used as a great casino for local authorities to get some more money."

In response, Tony Ball, vice-chairman of the Local Government Association's economy and transport board, defended local councils' use of the technology.

He said: "Parking controls are not about revenue raising, they are absolutely essential for keeping the roads clear and making sure people can park near their homes and local shops.

"Camera cars have been instrumental in keeping children from being hurt or killed on the way to school, and CCTV plays an important role elsewhere in monitoring traffic flow and keeping cars moving.

"Nobody likes getting a parking fine, but the fact less than one per cent go to adjudication shows, in the vast majority of cases, councils get it right. Income from on-street parking fines and charges is spent on parking services with any money left over spent on services like fixing potholes and providing subsidised bus travel to children and the elderly."

Mr Pickles has said that a decision on the future of council's CCTV cars could be made by Easter 2014.

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# Promise of a non-stop rail service across city and beyond

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THE race is on to secure the contract for the biggest rail franchise in the UK which will pave the way for travel across London from parts of Kent without having to change trains.

In an ambitious move by Westminster's transport chiefs, the routes currently served by Great Northern, Southern Railway and Thameslink (known as the First Capital Connect (FCC) route in Kent) – will combine under one franchise umbrella, using the Thameslink name, from next year.

The tendering process for the new franchise is now open.

Both Southern and Thameslink already serve parts of the county, albeit small in comparison to the primary operator Southeastern. But the franchise could open the door to extended Thameslink services as part of the new contract.

Sarah Boundy, spokeswoman from Govia, the parent company of Southeastern and Southern Railway, said the idea is Thameslink will create more trains travelling through London Bridge and beyond.

"It will create extra capacity for the future and give trains more opportunity to go directly through London without passengers having to get off and go on the Underground," she said

Southern serves a small, but busy part of west Kent including Tonbridge, Penshurst, Edenbridge and Hever as well as Ashford and Hamstreet in the centre of the county.

Its services travel to London, Surrey and along the south coast to Hastings and Brighton.

Thameslink – or FCC – runs joint services with Southeastern from stations including Ashford, Sevenoaks and Swanley, catering for the London/Kent border, with Bromley South and Catford among its stations.

It is thought Southern will not bid to run the new Thameslink franchise. The successful candidate will be named in May 2014.

Already some potential benefits to the county have been announced by the Department for Transport as part of the new franchise conditions, with the reinstating of extended peak services from Maidstone East to several stations serving the City, four years after Southeastern scrapped its Cannon Street service from Maidstone East after a cut in government subsidy.

The new service, however, will not be in place until 2018 – a delay caused by the West Coast Mainline debacle which set back the Government's franchise timetable.

Once started, there will be at least two trains per hour from Maidstone East during the three-hour morning peak period to London, with the same level of service during the three-hour evening peak period. The service will use the new Siemens Thameslink trains.

Cabinet member for transport at Kent County Council, David Brazier, said it was good news for commuters, adding the authority's Rail Action Plan for Kent, which included the need for a City service from the Maidstone station, was "bearing fruit".

The Thameslink programme is a £6 billion project which will allow passengers from Kent to get into the capital or across London without having to change trains.



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## In focus

**I**F EVER there is a destination in the county with a somewhat Jekyll and Hyde personality, then it is surely also one of its most iconic.

The Pantiles has stood for generations as the jewel in Tunbridge Wells' crown.

As the birthplace of its royal patronage – and, as a result, its subsequent wealth courtesy of the natural spring discovered in the 17th century – it has come to represent a quintessentially Kentish scene with its impressive architecture, boutiques and continental-style café culture.

The Pantiles has also become a key component of the county's tourism offering.

It's hard not to become rather smitten by its nooks and crannies, and the sense of history and splendour which drips from every brick or majestic column. There are antique shops and art galleries, book stores and home furnishings, and regular high end markets are held there too.

With an increasing number of pubs, restaurants and coffee shops it is designed very much as a leisure destination.

In short, it reeks of class. Everything, in fact, which Tunbridge Wells likes to believe it stands for.

But while the Georgian colonnade remains a picturesque and impressive sight, it is often too easy to be dazzled by its beauty and avoid the very real problems which lurk just beneath the sheen.

And it's easy to see why.

Just last weekend some 6,000 souls braved some rather inclement weather for its latest food festival.

An extravaganza of locally produced food and drink, cooking demonstrations and market stalls, the festival created a rich aroma and, to any casual bystander, seemed to encapsulate the sweet smell of success it is enjoying under a proactive and imaginative traders' association.

Yet while many will acknowledge it is showing encouraging signs of life, the reality is that over the last 10 years it has struggled to make collective ends meet, albeit not for the want of trying.

"Our strategy is one of smoke and mirrors, to a certain extent," explains Richard Simm, chairman of the Pantiles Traders' Association and the driving force behind a revival of sorts.

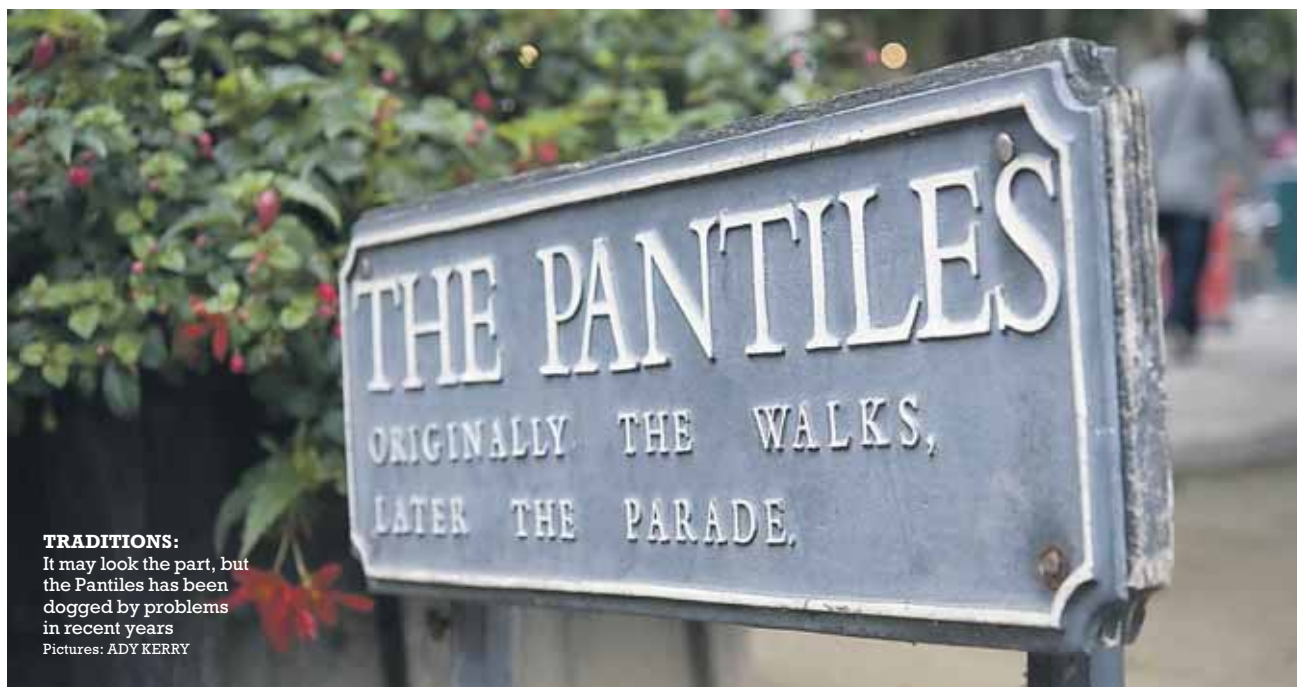
He took over the reins of the association at the end of 2010 following a difficult period in its history.

With the recession under way, it was locked in frequent public disputes with land owner Targetfollow which resulted in much of the parade's dirty linen being aired very publicly. If the traders feared the worse, it hardly sent out the most positive of messages to consumers already being seduced by the ease of online shopping or simply too lazy to walk to the bottom end of town.

Amid disputes over the cost of rents, the Pantiles had lost direction as more and more empty shop signs appeared.

The small band of traders plying their trade were split between a desire to do something to help revive its flagging fortunes and others who were simply waiting for things to get better again. It would prove a long wait.

Aged just 28 when he took over, Mr Simm was certainly a very young



### TRADITIONS:

It may look the part, but the Pantiles has been dogged by problems in recent years  
Pictures: ADY KERRY

# Hope springs eternal as royal retreat faces up to a retail reality



After a rollercoaster few years, has the Georgian parade adapted to ensure its very survival? **Chris Britcher** reports

face for such an old part of the town, steeped in history and tradition.

He represented a brave new world for many and is proclaimed by most – both privately and publicly – as potentially the saviour of the site.

Along with a small, dedicated, creative team, he set about seeking to shift the Pantiles away from its traditional approach and expand its natural audience. Its core values were always at its heart – its fundamental beauty and clout as a destination people both near and far wanted to have reason to visit.

Mr Simm was no stranger to the town or the Pantiles. He had previously founded the Ragged Trousers bar and brasserie on the parade and two other pubs in the town.

He and the newly invigorated association began to stage music and fashion events which defied the trading conditions and delivered up to 15,000 visitors over sun-soaked, vibrant weekends.

It appeared, to the naked eye at least, to be turning a corner.

Mr Simm, however, is refreshingly honest about what the association

seeks to achieve and the current reality of the situation. He explains: "We aim to make the Pantiles look good and get the momentum going. But a lot of the time, especially in the winter months, it's very, very quiet here and an incredibly hard place to trade."

"We're competing against the likes of Royal Victoria Place in the town centre, the North Farm estate on the outskirts, Lakeside, Bluewater and the internet. It's difficult to do our type of boutique retail and independent food and drink when we have all this competition."

"So is the Pantiles healthy? No, we're not, but we are fighting."

It's certainly had some tough fights to overcome in recent years. Not least with some of the other traders on the site who shift uncomfortably with regard to the actions of the association.

As one former committee member put it, "the hobby traders tend to not like change and wish to sit it out".

Just before Mr Simm took over, part



of the Targetfollow empire found itself in dire straits after bank loans were called in and it was forced to take drastic action to avoid complete financial collapse.

Along with some high profile central London sites, the lower part of the Pantiles was sold as a result – while the upper part remained in the ownership of a separate part of the Targetfollow group.

Amid much speculation, and rumours abounding that everyone from local millionaire and Bewl Water owner Simon Hume-Kendall to the council would snap it up, the lower section was acquired by the Marquess of Abergavenny, whose palatial home is the nearby Eridge Park, in East Sussex. His family once owned the Pantiles so it was seen very much as a return to its roots.

He has set about trying to invest in and improve buildings – a move warmly welcomed by the traders. But there is no quick fix solution to the key problem of getting visitors to head in its direction.

The upper part, which remains with Norwich-based Targetfollow, is looking to develop too, with a two-year plan aimed at boosting tenants. After the problems of the past, the relationship today has been recovered and the grumblings of traders more likely to be about rates than rents.

Yet even its location in the most affluent of Kent towns has failed to provide sufficient protection against a stern economy and the dilution of traditional high streets due to the double whammy of internet shopping and out-of-town retail developments.



It is situated at the bottom end of a town split in two by the long sloping hill of Mount Pleasant Road. At the top is the town's retail heart; a pedestrian high street and the glass-fronted Royal Victoria Place shopping complex which boasts several floors of the big name retailers.

The Town Hall perches on the corner – directly opposite the other

marker of the town's divide, the long abandoned cinema site which sits like a boil longing to be lanced.

Stroll down the hill, past the railway station and finally you edge closer to the Pantiles. With the slopes of the town's beautiful common on one side and surrounded by the brick-pavement splendour of some of its finest, and most expensive, residential

streets nearby – as well as just a short stroll from the town's pretty Nevill Cricket Ground – lies the Pantiles.

So what role has the council played in reviving its fortunes?

Not much, if the traders are to be believed. They claim the authority has put more focus on encouraging retailers to invest in the upper end of town, to shore up the main centre.

But with the Pantiles in private ownership, it is perhaps hard to justify investment from the local authority. It is a contentious issue which continues to trigger debate. More of which later.

"The Pantiles has always been the town's big white elephant," says local businessman Matthew Sankey.

He has become one of the town's



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best-known traders courtesy of his Vale Road fishmongers and popular Sankey's pub and restaurant on Mount Ephraim. By the end of the month, he will have opened the Pantiles' latest venture – the Old Fish Market, a Champagne and seafood bar which hopes to capitalise on the Pantiles' food and drink shift.

It has not been welcomed by every-

one, however. There were a number of objections to his arrival into the former Tourist Information Centre. Some traders, it seems, would rather the Pantiles remain a genteel parade rather than anything more vibrant.

Adds Mr Sankey: "The traders' association, as it is now, is doing a fantastic job at rejuvenating the Pantiles.

"But that doesn't detract from the

fact you need a strong offering in the first place. You can't just rely on occasional big-draw events, which a lot of the traders seem to do. I don't really understand that approach."

In many ways the Pantiles is a fascinating study of some traders' refusal to embrace change and the vastly shifting reality facing retail.

Anne Horton is managing director



**POPULAR:** Richard Simm, top, has been instrumental in reinvigorating the site - but he admits it's not easy

**“ The Pantiles... has to look after itself. If you want something doing then you need to do it yourself rather than waiting for someone to help ”**

**Matthew Sankey,**  
on the Pantiles' predicament

of London-based retail consultancy Tonik Retail – and former MD of Hoopers, the town's upmarket department store.

She explains: "There are many challenges to traditional retail – recession, online sales, out of town competition, parking; too many reasons for people to spend elsewhere.

"Any savvy retailer needs to cover

all bases, stay in touch with their customers and make shopping not just a transaction but an interaction – on and off-line; a positive experience.

"Situating at the bottom of town, the Pantiles has its work cut out.

"There are clearly some proactive retailers on the Pantiles, but there are others just waiting desperately for business to 'pick up'; hoping for a return to the days of retail boom and credit without a care."

It's not all been bad for retailers however. The opening of self-styled 'university outfitters' Jack Wills was seen as a major coup to help create that draw the parade needed.

"Some people," says Richard Simm, "believe the Pantiles should just be about luxury retail, but I think that is an increasingly dangerous strategy.

"We have to look at what the market is dictating and that is to go down the experiential route. That's where you go and have something to eat and then do some shopping too.

"We are a retail centre, first and foremost, but, equally, we are becoming a food and drink venue. I think we're topped out on cafes and restaurants, so I'm in no way advocating we need more, but judging by the reception of these it is what visitors want.

"People bemoan the fact the high street is full of coffee shops and charity shops, but they tend to be the first to sit down with a coffee and get on the internet to do some shopping."

Certainly the events have provided a major injection of audience from which the retailers can benefit.

But with them being staged voluntarily by existing traders, the reality

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is that they rarely break even.

Last weekend's food festival, despite being well attended, left the association some £4,000 out of pocket.

It's not a sustainable practice, as Anne Horton explains: "People don't necessarily visit the Pantiles to shop – they are drawn by the sunshine, the events and the cafe society. Then they get there and realise there are some great shops too."

"It is pretty, but attractive buildings won't hold the attention for long and shopping in itself is no longer enough. Events provide an attraction where people may spend a few hours but it's clearly not sustainable for the traders to hold these every week."

"The idea of a cinema would make the site a destination where people might mooch about the shops in advance or have a meal afterwards."

It's been a long time since the word 'cinema' conjured up positive images in Tunbridge Wells town centre.

The council's offices overlook what is dubbed "the town's greatest grot-spot" – the abandoned former ABC cinema which closed in 2000 and for the last 13 years has remained boarded up while developers come and go.

Fingers are swift to point at the authority for not investing more in the Pantiles – despite not owning the land.

Adds Richard Simm: "There is a sense that the council is promoting the upper end of the town more, but when you speak to them, they see it as the opposite way around."

"With the council, for me, there has always been a sense that the Pantiles is not owned by them, therefore it's not their problem. They use it as



**“ People are drawn by the sunshine, events and the cafe society. Then they get there and realise there are some great shops too. ”**

**Anne Horton,**  
on the attraction of the Pantiles

window dressing, they take interest when there's a royal visit or the Olympic Torch Relay passed through, but

leave it for the rest of the time.

"I know their budgets are tight but I think they should do more and they would reap the benefits. It's a missed opportunity on their part. It's a great asset which most towns would love to have, yet they seem disengaged."

Matthew Sankey disagrees. "The council don't have a vested interest in the Pantiles because they don't own it. Simple as that," he says. "It is its own limited company, if you like, and has to look after itself. The council doesn't look out for me on Mount Ephraim so why should they look out for those on the Pantiles?"

"If you want something doing then you need to do it yourself rather than waiting for someone to help."

The council itself denies there has been any neglect on its part.

"The Pantiles is very important to the borough and, although not an asset we own, we are proud of it and pleased to be associated with it," explains Jane March, cabinet member for tourism, leisure and economic development at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. "We work with the owners of the upper and lower Pantiles, and the traders, and have given financial support to events there."

"However, we have seen funding cut drastically and the reality is things can't be as they were years ago. We must take an enabling approach – one that works in partnership with the community."

The closure of the council-funded Tourist Information Centre was seen as a particular blow to the Pantiles.

A draw for visitors, the council blamed cuts and a more internet-savvy tourist for first its temporary closure and then its permanent shutting. It now operates out of the Corn Exchange on the edge of the Pantiles.

Mr Simm sees it as the final straw in the council's disregard for the site.

The businessman, who has lived just minutes from the Pantiles since his family moved there when he was three, explains: "I've had a long history with the Pantiles but you can see a constant retreat from the council."

"First it closed the A Day at the Wells tourist attraction in 2004, then the spring was closed half the year. By the time it shut the Tourist Information Centre it was one of the last steps in withdrawing altogether."

The Chalybeate Spring is, of course, where the town's popularity sprang from. Its iron-rich waters were proclaimed to have healing powers and proved so popular it quickly became the hub around which the town grew.

By the mid-19th century Princess Victoria – soon to be Queen Victoria – was a convert and the town received its 'royal' prefix courtesy of Victoria's son, Edward VII, in 1909.

The spring itself can look rather forlorn in the winter, but comes alive when the summer arrives and the sun shines, as actors serve visitors, much as they did back in its boom era.

Which is, perhaps, fitting as the same could be said of the Pantiles itself: If only it could supplant some of its own healing waters, its future may look altogether brighter.

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primary school. But even so, there can still be discrepancies.

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IS THIS spooky looking orb in the doorway to the left of this picture the ghost of Anne Boleyn climbing the stairs at her former home of Hever Castle?

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Anne married Henry VIII in 1533, but after failing to deliver a son, was beheaded.

Her tragic and tumultuous life

leads psychic and medium Christine Hamlett into thinking she captured Anne's essence in the form of an orb during a recent visit with her sister to Hever, near Edenbridge.

Ms Hamlett, 56, from Cheshire, told us: “This picture was taken with an ordinary 35mm film camera, so not digital.”

“We saw nothing at the time of taking the picture. We later discovered this was one of the oldest parts of the castle, and one

Anne Boleyn would have used.”

Author Marc Alexander wrote a book called In Search of Britain's Haunted Castles, which included Hever.

He told us: “Good heavens – that is incredible. Hever is haunted because of what Henry VIII did to Anne.”

A spokesman for the castle said: “Over the years staff and gardeners at Hever Castle have had some spooky experiences that can't easily be explained.”



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# As Medway Test results are revealed, school race begins

ANXIOUS parents and children found out the result of the Medway Test as details were emailed on Friday – with others receiving letters through the post this weekend.

In total, 2,357 Year Six pupils sat the test last month in the hope of securing a grammar school place. Some 515 were from outside the Medway area.

The results revealed 982 children achieved the necessary grade to give them the option of a selective school place – 687 from Medway.

Mike O'Brien, lead portfolio holder for chil-

dren services on Medway Council, said: "I would like to congratulate all children who took the Medway Test this year.

"Moving from primary to secondary school is always a big step for all youngsters and I would like to wish them every success when they make the move next September."

Families of children who were not deemed selective can opt to take part in the review process. Medway Council are sending out details on how with all results. The deadline for applications for secondary schools is October 31.



**SEARCHING:** April Hardie (left) discovered the wartime photograph (right) in a chest of drawers

## Can you help to solve final riddle of the mystery wartime photo?

**By Chris Murphy**

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WHEN a young American family in Louisiana set about tidying up an old chest of drawers, they could have had little idea of the journey a chance discovery would take.

Because as they pulled out a draw hidden in the dust, behind it was an old photograph dating back to World War Two.

The image pictured a serving Wren (Women's Royal Naval Service).

Intrigued, April Hardie set about trying to find out just who the woman was, and her investigations led her to the UK and Lucy Farrow from the Women's Royal Navy Community.

But after identifying the woman, the trail has since gone cold in Kent.

So the pair have turned to our readers in helping solve the final piece of the mystery and return the photograph to the woman's family.

Former Wren Mrs Farrow explains: "This is a fascinating story and we want to do all we can to reunite the family with this picture."

So far, this is what the amateur sleuths have turned up, thanks to the number 7324 on the back of the dated photo.

According to the War Office in London, it was likely the woman is Maisie Dorothy West, born 1917, in Maidstone.

Mrs Farrow said: "We believe Maisie married and became Watts.

"From there we understand Maisie died in 2000, but had extended family and we identified a Maureen J Watts as a daughter born in Chatham in 1944; another daughter was born two years later. There may be other children.

"We believe Maureen married Aston T Morgan in 1967, in Chatham. We have traced them to an address in Kent, which had a telephone number that turned out to be old.

"The electoral roll shows they were there in 2002 and then nothing after that.

"We have got so close we don't want to give up

now. We hope a descendant of Maisie is out there and would appreciate knowing how far their mother or grandmother has travelled, in a picture at least, and captured the hearts of those on the other side of the Atlantic."

Ms Hardie, from the town of Baskin in Louisiana, explained how she made the discovery.

"I was about 14 years old when my mum and stepdad gave me a beautiful piece of furniture; an antique dresser table. I used it until I moved about eight years ago and put it in storage.

"Recently, I brought it home and started cleaning it up after it gathered dust.

"I planned to give it to my five-year-old daughter Abigail, for her room. She and my other daughter, Emmalyn, who is two, use the dresser for their dressing-up items.

"It was when I took the drawers out that I found the old photograph of a beautiful young woman tucked away. I was intrigued.

In the picture the mystery woman wore a cap with the initials 'HMS'.

Ms Hardie said: "She looked so young, so perfectly groomed and so beautiful. I was amazed this photo had been tucked away behind one of the drawers in the furniture for so long and we never knew."

Starting her investigation, she soon discovered what HMS stood for and took to social media, soon finding the Wrens' Facebook page.

The 33-year-old said: "I asked my mum where she bought the furniture and was told she purchased it from an antique dealer at a local sale.

"She said the dealer had many pieces from overseas including England and Sweden."

Speaking of the Wren's help, she added: "I was truly amazed at their efforts to help me, a stranger from across 'the pond'.

"With any luck we may soon solve the mystery if someone recognises her and comes forward."

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# Still making a difference after birth amid tragedy

The sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise left hundreds bereft and saw the Dover community join forces to help. Now, more than a quarter of a century on, **Marijke Cox** looks at the support group born out of the adversity

FOR anyone living in Kent at the time, the tragedy of the Herald of Free Enterprise will live with them.

The sinking of the passenger ferry in 1987 – packed with hundreds of cross-Channel travellers – into the cold waters off the coast of Zeebrugge left a stain on the county's collective conscience which remains today, some 26 years later.

But, as with any tragedy, with the passing weeks, months and years, the nation moved on; funerals of the 193 who lost their lives were held, what remained of the ferry in the Channel was salvaged and investigations were tied up.

For those affected by the disaster, the devastating impact of what occurred on that fateful night would continue to haunt them. Moving on wasn't so easy.

Amid the darkness, however, came a little light.

The day after a Kent County Council-run Herald Assistance Unit withdrew its support, just a little over a year after the disaster, the Dover Counselling Centre took on the huge challenge of trying to help those left distraught by the tragic event.

Set up to fill the void, a major initiative was launched to raise the money to ensure the centre could continue to provide care for the bereaved families and survivors. Local shipping firms contributed some £90,000.

KCC donated furniture for the centre which was based at premises in the port town, provided for free by Dover Harbour Board.

It continues to this day.

Manager Angie Wiggins, who has worked there for 22 years, said it was crucial the service continued at the time, dealing with survivors suffering post traumatic stress disorder and



**PROGRESS:** The Herald of Free Enterprise (above, and at memorial service) may have been the catalyst for the Dover Counselling Centre but after dealing with the bereaved it now helps people across all walks of life

the bereaved relatives.

"It started as a service to help the bereaved and survivors of the Herald of Free Enterprise but over the years became a community counselling service," she explains, "so helping all different kinds of people."

In fact, so successful was this small, unassuming centre, it branched out, and now, celebrating its 25 year anniversary, it provides counselling throughout the UK.

But its heart remains in Dover, where it has helped thousands of people over the years.

"We've been described as one of Dover's best kept secrets," says Mrs Wiggins. "We advertise all over but lots of people don't know we're here."

"It's important people know where we are.

"Still, we are very busy and see about 1,200 clients a year. This will be much, much bigger once we start working with GPs, who will refer patients to us – this is just starting."

The centre, today, is virtually self-financed and receives no statutory funding, relying on its commercial work and fundraising.

Adds Mrs Wiggins: "The first three years we received funding from Sealink [former cross-Channel ferry operator], P&O [then Townsend Thoresen] and Dover Harbour Board.

"It's hard now we're self-funded and the more people who need us the harder it is.

"The people we see can't afford to pay an enormous amount."

Just a minimal fee is charged and so, along with its commercial work

## THE TRAGEDY

At 6.05pm on March 6, 1987, the Herald of Free Enterprise left the port of Zeebrugge. Within minutes it would write itself a chapter as one of the British maritime industry's most infamous vessels.

The red-hulled Townsend Thoresen ferry was particularly busy as it left the Belgian port. A £1 crossing deal with national newspaper the Sun ensured there were nearly 500 people on board; these were the days when the cross-Channel industry was riding a wave of popularity courtesy of the Duty Free tax allowance available on board.

But as the Herald set sail it did so with its bow doors wide open. Water rushed onto the boat, quickly swamping the car deck and making the boat dangerously unstable.

It happened so swiftly there wasn't time to send an SOS.

Terrified passengers saw the boat topple over and come to rest on a sand bank just outside the port.

Some 193 people lost their lives – families ripped apart in the cruellest of fashions. Delight turning to disaster in the twinkling of an eye.

Many perished after being trapped inside the ferry as it turned on its side – succumbing to hyperthermia as the cold waters infiltrated the ship.

For every tale of bravery – and there were plenty among those who survived – was a tale of appalling tragedy.

It would be the worst peacetime maritime disaster in the English Channel.

Dover felt the pain hard. The boat was heading to the Kent port and many of the crew lived in or around the town. The ferry industry one of the biggest employers in that part of the county.

Captain David Lewry lived in Sandwich and was later found to be among those whose "serious negligence" led to the sinking.

The port town was also faced with the daily heartache of the empty berth where the Herald would be, a constant reminder of the anguish which happened just across the Channel.

It would, however, lead to a revolution in safety for cross-Channel ferries; with today's craft expected to meet the most stringent of safety checks.

**“It started to help the bereaved and survivors of the Herald of Free Enterprise but over the years became a community counselling service”**

**Angie Wiggins**, manager of Dover Counselling Centre

and fundraising, the centre relies on grants and donations.

Over the years, some 87,200 counselling sessions have taken place at the centre and it has received 190,500 calls. It has also seen more than 18,000 new referrals.

"Things have changed; there used to be that British stiff upper lip, people didn't talk about their feelings, especially not with a stranger.

"There was a stigma attached to counselling where now it is much more accepted.

"People can come to us in the strictest confidence – and that's young people as well as adults, we work with 14-year-olds upwards.

"We also work with victims of human traffickers."

An accredited service, the centre works in other parts of Kent for the NHS.

But Mrs Wiggins said Dover is the heart of the operation.

"It started as a small service to help those involved in the ferry disaster, but we have become an important and big part of the community."

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# Shop selling seeds for cannabis should be banned, says MP

**By Joe Bill**

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A WAR of words has broken out between a controversial store which sells cannabis seeds and a Conservative MP.

The opening salvo was fired by Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson, who issued a statement blasting UK Skunkworks after it opened a branch in Sheerness High Street.

Without having spoken to the store first, he very publicly accused it of "specialising in the sale of cannabis seeds" saying it sends out the wrong message about drug taking.

He said: "I am keen to support local businesses but I do not feel this is the type of shop we should see in our high streets. I am concerned that the legal sale of cannabis seeds and drug taking paraphernalia sends out entirely the wrong message to our young people."

The company, which also has shops in Canterbury, Gravesend and Maidstone, say the items they sell are aimed at an adult market and that they take any misuse of their products seriously.

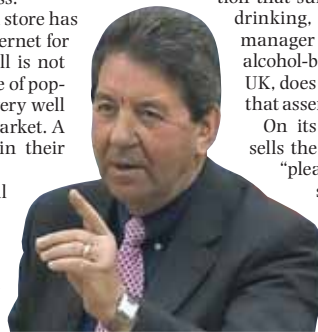
Spokesman Eugene Lusardi has written to Mr Henderson defending the business.

He said: "Everything we sell in store has been widely available on the internet for years. The paraphernalia we sell is not for drug use, we sell a wide range of popular products that are received very well by an extremely popular adult market. A market that deserves freedom in their lifestyle choice."

UK Skunkworks shops are local franchises of the main business,

**SPEAKING OUT:** MP Gordon

Henderson says that the UK Skunkworks shop sends out the wrong message about drugs



which operates an online web store selling products including so-called legal highs.

But Mr Lusardi insists they are not breaking the law: "People under the age of 18 cannot enter our stores. If we suspect anyone is buying for someone underage, we notify the authorities."

"We are a legitimate business that boasts extremely high moral codes. We have been trading for a number of years now and would never jeopardise our position in the market."

But Mr Henderson says he has received a number of complaints from residents since the store opened at the beginning of September and will be taking the issue to the Home Secretary.

He said: "I have written to Theresa May, asking her to introduce legislation to ban such shops."

"The denial that UK Skunkworks sell drugs paraphernalia is disingenuous. Putting a disclaimer on each page of its website warning that their products are not to be used for drug taking does not make that product any less attractive to those who buy the products for that use."

Mr Lusardi added that Mr Henderson's former position as operations director of alcohol retailer at Unwins was "utterly comical" given his objection to UK Skunkworks, adding: "For a nation that suffers at the hands of binge drinking, his position as operations

manager for the largest independent alcohol-based gift wholesalers in the UK, does not strike me as a vocation that asserts excessive ethical codes."

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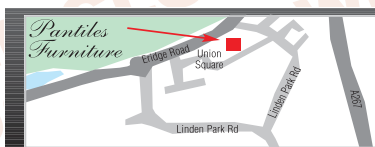
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**MICHAEL** slim, 44, likes CD, films, seeks older male 55 plus for fun times in the Thanet area. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 404373

**PAUL** 49 5ft 8ins likes eating/nights in/out seeks loving female for life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 404013

**DENNIS** 53yrs retired police officer living in Kent, WLTN female for mutual fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 402481

**KEVIN** 49, single dad, employed, good cook/laugh, seeks female for fun and good times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 402409

**KEVIN** 50 6ft average build, kind, caring, GSOH, black hair, hazel eyes, various interests, seeks female 35-55 for friendship/romance



**R**AGS-TO-RICHES stories often encapsulate a range of hardships, to the point where we're almost immune to them – but the tale of Graham Webb is very different.

Different in a way that challenges the perceptions of society, opening up off-radar topics that could send stiff-upper-lip Brits into their shells.

Nicknamed 'The Shirt' at school – for constantly hiding his urine-soaked trousers with his shirt – ridiculed for his 'abnormal' feet and rejected for countless jobs, Webb feared he was on the scrapheap before his life had really begun.

But a lifeline in the hairdressing industry was thrown his way and, after becoming the country's top seller of rice pudding, he forged a multi-million-pound company, Graham Webb International, specialising in hair-care products. It became the third largest of its kind in North America and was sold to industry giant Wella.

He has also accomplished his dream of becoming a drummer.

Now living in Sevenoaks, Webb is enjoying life after surgery to tackle the spina bifida that had made him incontinent.

He has watched his daughters perform as backing singers for the legendary Leonard Cohen and his son drum for singer-songwriter Jamie Cullum, while he takes pride in his other son teaching in school.

He also fits in a hectic world-touring schedule inspiring others with his tale, which he put to paper

“I was known as 'The Shirt' [at school] because it was always hanging out hiding my urine-stained trousers”

in his autobiography *Out Of The Bottle*, now out as a sixth and updated edition as an eBook.

Childhood was tough for the south Londoner: “It was horrendous. I was incontinent, I had weird feet and I didn't know why. The children at my school weren't very nice. I was known as 'The Shirt' because my shirt was always hanging out hiding my urine-stained trousers.”

He endeavoured to make a go of things after school but hit a brick wall at every human-resources department he came across – rejection that would inspire a policy for his own company in later life.

“Sixty-two companies wouldn't see me because these HR people wouldn't see me. I had no qualifications,” he said.

“That's why Graham Webb International has never had a HR department.

“My mum saw an ad for a trainee barber and the guy whose salon it was said he would take me on – I suppose because there weren't many male hairdressers – and so I did a trial as an apprentice.

“I did that for three years. I didn't enjoy hairdressing at all, but

## Man with the bottle to defeat disability



Graham Webb's extraordinary rise to part-owner of one of America's top companies has been achieved while coping with a condition that made his childhood a misery but gave him the drive to succeed. By **Greg Miles**

I could see the industry, the end I had dreamt about, the movies, the cruises.

“My dad, like a lot of men, had this perception of hairdressing, or for that matter any other craft or trade, and encouraged me to get on to the P&O ships. I managed to get on and went around the world.

“That was the first time I wasn't always looking in on myself.

“You pull into Honolulu or Yokohama, there is something that's going to lift you.”

By a twist of fate, Webb's career path took a completely different turn while he was waiting to fill time between voyages.

He said: “You have to come ashore to wait for your ship to come in sometimes, and my dad said 'Why don't you get into selling for a short period?'. I managed to get a job with Bovril that covered Ambrosia as well.

“When the ship arrived I went to tell my sales manager and he said 'Oh no, we've ordered you a new car'.

“I made the difficult decision we all have to make in life at some

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Another chance came his way one unlikely night in Walsall that would take him back to the world of hairdressing.

“I was selling a new milk shake in Walsall, and one night I was sitting at the bar after a tough day and spoke to another sales person.

“He said he was the regional director for Wella and I told him I had gone to his company's hairdressing school.

“I joined Wella and it brought me back into this multi-billion-pound industry I thought I'd left.”

**W**hile continuing his career as a salesman, Webb harboured hopes of one day owning his own salon – which he eventually did.

His first was in south London, where an acquaintance of his father's downsized his florist shop, giving him room to open his salon.

“There was a huge revolution in salons. We no longer sold contraceptives and magazines – it was music and far more cool.

“This chap let me have it rent-free for six months. I did it up as much as I could.

“The day we opened, the band I was in was on Radio 1.

“The DJ, Dave Lee Travis, wished me good luck and said where my salon was on air. It created some attention and the local paper sent a rookie reporter to cover the opening – it was Steve Rider, who's now presenting on TV.”

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Graham Webb International was born, growing to 11 salons with more than 100 staff, but the biggest break was yet to come.

"What did it for me was America," said Webb. "I attracted the attention of American Entrepreneur of the Year Bob Taylor, who invented soap in a pump."

"I was on a train to London and picked up a Financial Times on the seat. There was an article about Bob's Minnetonka Corporation selling to Calvin Klein and how he intended to start a new beauty company – that turned out to be me."

"I'd come to attention through a distributor I used to do some hair shows for. He joined Minnetonka and when Taylor said he wanted to do this in the beauty business he remembered me and arranged for me to go out there."

"We went into business together and co-built what became the third-biggest hair-care company in North America. Meanwhile, I was living in Sevenoaks."

All this had occurred without anyone other than his family having knowledge of his disability.

It was not until he suffered kidney failure that Webb's business partner had any idea of his disability.

"It's staggering what has now happened to me," he said. "Not forgetting I met my lovely girlfriend when wearing huge nappies."

"We've been happily married now for 40 years next year."

His spina bifida and all that it brought did not become widely



**ON SONG:** Graham Webb's two daughters (with Sting, above) are singers, while his son Brad drums for Jamie Cullum, who is pictured with Graham, right

known until he published his book, but it was understandably something he was not keen to disclose.

It was only with the persuasion of the man who wrote his story that he included incidents such as how he

**“I've got lots of things I wouldn't have if I hadn't been born with spina bifida, be it loyalty or compassion”**

soiled himself on stage while giving speeches to hundreds of people.

Webb realised it was a necessary component in the tale of his triumph over adversity.

"All my surgeons kept saying to me

I ought to do a book. In America they knew I was a school dropout, but none of the other secrets – nobody did except my wife and family.

"In the end I decided I would try to do a book and write it myself. But it was all over the place, so I handed the job over."

"When I spoke on stage with Paralympian Tanni Grey-Thompson, she said she went into a wheelchair aged 11 and said it was fantastic as it took all the pressure away – people knew. When she introduced me, she told the audience I had probably been in many more embarrassing situations than her."

"When you've got a hidden disability, it's a massive subject – whether it's locking myself in the toilet not wanting to do PE, not wanting to do team-building, not wanting people to see my nappies."

Webb credits his parents for many of the traits that took him to where he is now.

He was awarded an MBE in 2005 for his services to charity in Kent; his father had been similarly acknowledged after a long career as a civil servant.

"My dad was a very stoic and reliable guy. He was a chief steward on P&O."

"His ship, the HMS Rawalpindi, sank. He lost a lot of his friends and family and had a nervous breakdown, developing rheumatic arthritis. He joined the Ministry of Health and I used to watch him leave every morning on his crutches. He ended up never getting promoted."

"I came home from school one day and Mum said to me 'Have you seen this?'. It was a letter from the Prime Minister. We thought 'Oh, what

has he done now?'. It was asking him to accept his MBE."

"It was a proud day. One of the most amusing things was when my mum stole Buckingham Palace toilet-paper. She was very proud of that."

Webb feels his condition has given him a depth of personality he may otherwise not have had and urges other company bosses to take heed of his story when thinking of their own employees in difficult situations.

"I've got lots of things I wouldn't have if I hadn't been born with spina bifida, be it loyalty or compassion," he said. "If you've got an employee or team member who appears unwilling to do something, don't assume they're just being negative."

■ **Graham Webb's book Out Of The Bottle is available on iTunes and iBooks, Kindle and Amazon.**

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## Bond girl to tell tales

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# Tales galore from 007's best girl

Ahead of her visit to Kent, **Greg Miles** talks to Honor Blackman, the 60s all-action girl who went from starring in cult TV series *The Avengers* to playing one of James Bond's most unforgettable femme fatales

**B**EING either a Bond girl or the star of a cult TV series would be enough on its own to ensure you are remembered by an adoring public.

But actress Honor Blackman has done both in a career spanning half a century, and at 88 she's still going strong.

Cast as Pussy Galore, she starred alongside Sean Connery's James Bond in the 007 classic, *Goldfinger*.

The role elevated her from household name to global star, having already captured Britain's attention as Cathy Gale in *The Avengers* television series from 1962-64.

She is now on tour, retelling stories of her time in the industry, sharing tales of family life and performing songs. She is at Deal's Astor Community Theatre this month.

Born in Plaistow, east London, Blackman got into showbusiness after taking up acting lessons, a 15th-birthday gift from her father.

Film roles soon followed. She was cast alongside Dirk Bogarde in the original Titanic feature film *A Night To Remember*, while her credits also include *Jason And The Argonauts*

and, most recently, *Bridget Jones's Diary*.

There were only two roles that were similar, though, for an actress who craved variety. Fortunately they came one after the other, which helped with preparation.

Being cast as Gale in *The Avengers* in 1962 meant there was gym work to do before filming could start

"I started doing judo classes and it was quite interesting," she said.

"I imagined I would have private lessons and when I went down the steps to the gym the smell of sweat almost made me turn around.

"I also had to learn about the choreography to the fights as well.

"The thing with *The Avengers* is we had one commercial break throughout, so we had to go at speed and run like hell to the next set and quite often change clothes on the run. It was pretty heavy-going. There were no retakes – it was almost like live TV."

Despite the show's success, Blackman felt she needed to move on to better her career.

She said: "When I left *The Avengers*, people couldn't understand because the series was just going to film and



colour and I would have earned decent money, as opposed to the black-and-white series I had done.

"I know some people like playing the same part forever, but I didn't. It wasn't what I was in the profession for."

In 1964, when *Goldfinger* hit the big screen, the Bond franchise was in its infancy, with *Dr No* and *From Russia With Love* the only previous releases, although *Casino Royale* had been a TV hit in 1954.

It meant there was not the fanfare that greets a new Bond film today.

"There is a lot more publicity now," said Blackman. "There had been *Dr No* – which I still haven't seen – then *From Russia*, which I did see. I went because I had to know what I was going into before *Goldfinger*.

"When I went to the States to publicise the film an awful lot of interviewers would not say my character's name, Pussy Galore.

"When I was there the film was banned, and it wasn't until a picture of me and Prince Philip was on the front page of a paper, headlined 'The Prince and the Pussy', the Americans decided it must be all right."

She maintains that her co-star Connery is the best of the Bond stars and feels the films have taken a backward step in recent years.

"There is no question Sean was the best," she said. "Everybody thinks the role was made for him.

"[Current Bond] Daniel Craig has tried to make it more like the Bourne Identity series.

"The reason [previous Bond films] we were so successful was you had time to get to know the characters and love Bond. You have to recognise the first few films were the best because they chose the best stories."

■ Honor Blackman is at Astor Community Theatre in Deal on Friday, October 18. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £15 (£12 concessions).

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**LEGEND:** Blackman's career spans 50 years, but she is best known for her roles in *The Avengers*, top right, and as Pussy Galore in *Goldfinger*, right



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Rarely-seen areas will also be opened up, with free guided tours throughout the evening that take visitors around the private chapels, bell tower, organ loft and choir practice rooms.

Cathedral spokeswoman Lisa Emanuel said: "There is so much more involved with cathedral life than people are probably aware."

"This yearly event allows us the opportunity to open up areas of the cathedral that are normally closed to the public and gives visitors a fascinating opportunity to learn and sample the skilled craftsmanship that goes into preserving one of this country's most iconic landmarks."

The free event starts with Evensong sung by the cathedral choir at 5.30pm and activities and displays from 6.15pm to 8.40pm. Refreshments will be on offer in the Chapter House.

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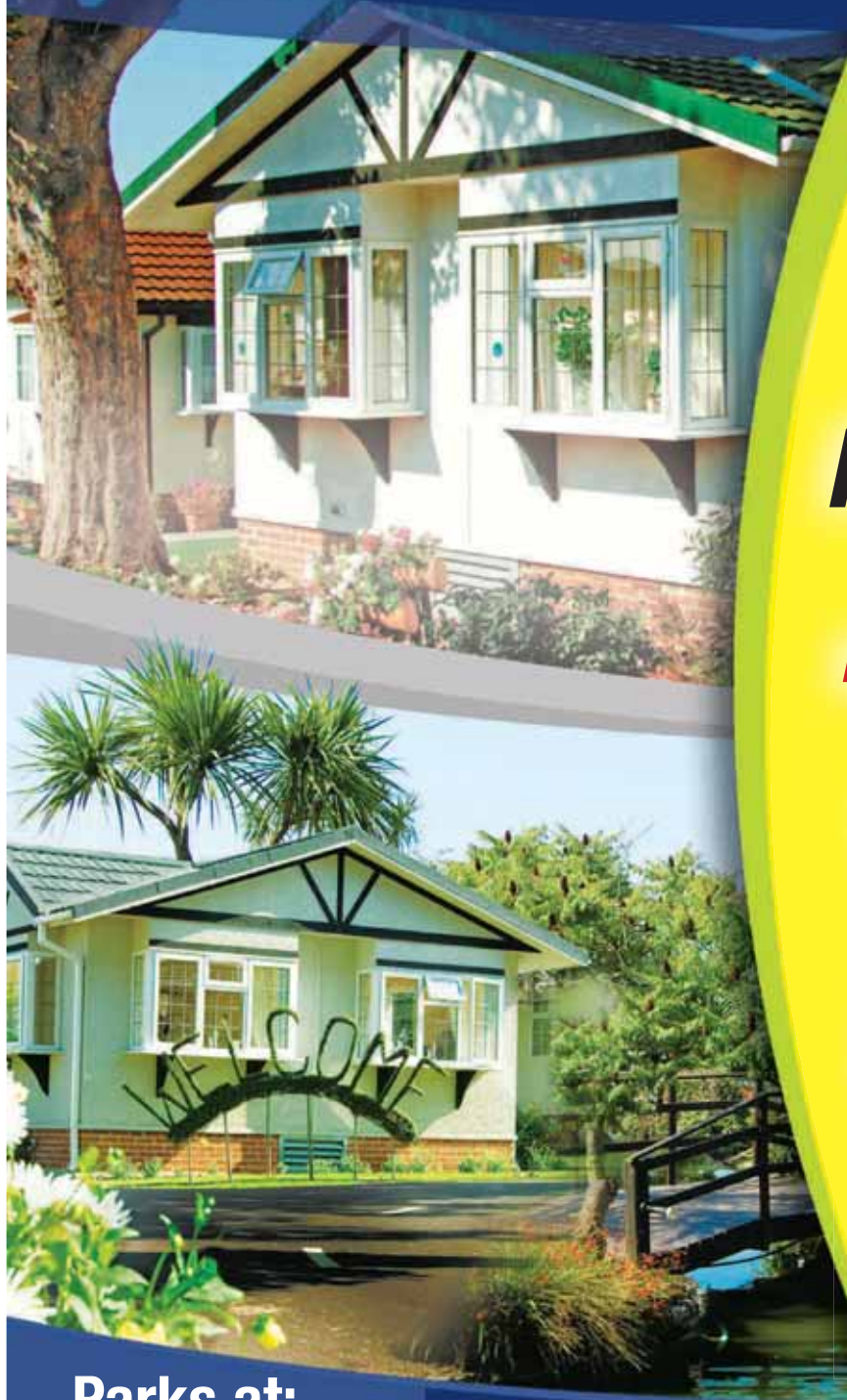
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**GET IN LINE:** Live music has helped rejuvenate The Anchor



## The man who survived a stormy sea and thrived

From redundant banker to award-winning landlord in just one year, Kevin Abbott tells **Greg Miles** the remarkable story of his successful new career

**T**HE resurgence of The Anchor in Wingham is proof that redundancy need not be the end of the line.

Since being taken over last summer, the pub has undergone a transformation, with the introduction of real ales, traditional pub grub and a vibrant music scene that has got the locals flocking to the venue once again.

And to top it all off, it has been named as national Newcomer of the Year by industry magazine The Pubcan's Morning Advertiser in the BT Great British Pub Awards.

It has turned out to be a good change of career for Kevin Abbott and his wife Michelle – and for daughters Polly and Bethany, who help out – after the former Barclays banker was made redundant last year.

It was a brave move for a man who has never worked in the industry before, apart from a year as a barman when he was a teenager.

"Running a pub is something I have always wanted to do," said



Kevin. "We spent time in pubs and we were always thinking 'If we were here we would do this and that'.

"My redundancy gave me the opportunity to go out and find a pub. At the time it was run down and needed a bit of TLC.

"I didn't know anything at all about running a pub. I used to work behind a bar in a pub when I was 19. That was about it. It was a steep learning curve."

Making the short move from their home of 12 years in Staple, they took on the challenge.

Keeping things simple was part of the policy, with Kevin keen to make it an affordable venue for customers.

"There are a lot of pubs out there trying to do fine dining, particularly in our area," said the 51-year-old. "You could spend a lot of money at a pub. If you are a family going out for a meal, spending £160 is an awful lot of money.

"We want to create something where people can come out once a week. We do a nice steak and the old favourites, and fish and chips. We have different nights throughout the week, which are popular."

The music has been a big part of the strategy, the family converting the pub's function room into The Anchor Arts Centre with 100-seat capacity, stage and PA system in place.

It has become a must-stop venue for emerging artists and established ones looking for an intimate gig, including former Soft Machine member John Etheridge, Coco and the Butterfields and Gentlemen of Few.

That has come from Kevin's own love of music and has helped in organising events: "I have always

played music and been in bands. I play the accordion and my wife plays the washboard in our hillbilly band – it's something we have done for a number of years.

"We have managed to get a lot of good quality folk and acoustic touring artists coming our way. What we are looking to do is develop it and really move on with the music side of things."

The award came as a surprise for the family. Having already been named the south and London regional winners, they were invited as one of 17 finalists to London for the awards ceremony, where, after talking to the competition, Kevin didn't think they had a chance.

"We were encouraged to enter the awards and knew we had been short-listed after being visited by the judges," he said. "At the awards evening I was talking to someone else in our category who told us he had a first-year turnover of £1.8 million and I thought 'We have no chance here'."

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**FARM SHOP OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:** Quex Barn Farm Shop near Birchington, The BarnYard and Gore Farm in Upchurch and Stanhill Farm Shop in Wilmington have made it to the short-list

# Meet the farm-shop awards finalists

**I**N this age of convenience you might think that the future of farm shops is under threat more than ever before.

But the last decade has seen a resurgence in their popularity, with an increasing thirst among customers for locally-sourced goods, fresh vegetables and chutneys, relishes, jams and quality meat.

While many of the old guard remain, with straw-covered floors and the clucking of hens audible from the field next door, there are some that have taken the idyllic countryside store to another level.

Restaurants and cafés have become part of the package, supplementing the deli counters and



traditional pick-your-own options.

Farm shops are thriving and they have their own section in the Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Food and Drink Awards, and last week we revealed the names of the finalists – so here is the chance to learn some more about them.

Quex Barn Farm Shop near Birchington has a butcher and fishmonger on site as well as a deli counter, fruit and vegetables and a restaurant. It has also just expanded

to a second store in Canterbury.

Manageress Jo Chipperfield feels recent food scandals in supermarkets have played into farm shops' hands.

"There is more awareness out there now, and people want to know where their food is coming from," she said. "I think with all the food scares people are coming back to the traditional ways of doing things."

"With things like the horse-meat scandal we are seeing people more interested in our butchers and where the meat has come from."

"We have just opened a second branch in Canterbury. There are not many businesses that are able to expand at the moment. It's going from strength to strength."

It is a true family affair at The

BarnYard and Gore Farm in Upchurch, near Sittingbourne.

Father-and-son team Clive and Ross Goatham bought the business in 2007 and they have not looked back since.

General manager Santosh Mall said: "People's shopping habits have changed over the years as they're expecting a one-stop shop. But people are more interested in where their food comes from and in supporting British farmers."

"It's about good honest food that supports the local community."

Stanhill Farm Shop in Wilmington, near Dartford, is set on 150 acres of land. Since brothers Toby and Max Williams took over in 2004 they have moved into the

wholesale market and away from supermarkets while developing their veg-box and online delivery service.

"Every year it's getting busier," said Max. "There seems to be a resurgence in farm shops."

"A lot of it is to do with quality of veg in other shops. People are fed up with buying produce and it not lasting."

"People think farm shops are going to be more expensive as well, but we did a price-check with one supermarket and some were more expensive but some were cheaper or on a par."

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# Fresh-faced but is it up to scratch?

## The Marine Hotel

**Location:** Tankerton, Whitstable

Reviewed by **CHRIS THOMSON**

**G**IVEN its popularity with the chattering classes, it is surprising just how few major hotels Whitstable has.

There's the Continental on the seafront, a splattering of guest-houses and a Premier Inn up on the Thanet Way, but other than that the heart of the town has precious little.

Until, that is, you stroll along the coast to the pretty, gentle slopes of Tankerton.

There, amid the houses that overlook the grassy banks leading down to the beach huts and pebbled shoreline, is The Marine Hotel – a long-standing establishment with impressive frontage and boasting more than 30 rooms.

Earlier this year it underwent a major face-lift, too, with Shepherd Neame ploughing some £1.6 million into the building.

And it seems the revamp was money well spent – it looks very much the part as the modern, clean, functional yet friendly hotel it clearly aspires to be.

The restaurant is so clean and

new-looking it almost shines, the only dust visible a thin coating sat upon some vintage bottles of Champagne lurking in the wine cage at the back of the room. It certainly looks the part.

Our service was swift and attentive at first, but after a change of waiter midway through the meal, by the time we'd finished dessert and were pondering coffees, our plates were left on the table and when we asked for the bill after being left twiddling our thumbs there was still no effort made to clear them away.

It's a small thing, but so close to considering the size of tip, it seemed a rather foolish shortcoming.

The food itself is competitively priced and well presented. The reassuring list of its local suppliers is proudly declared on the wall and there's a pleasing English, although not Kentish, wine on the menu.

A starter of sautéed mushrooms on thyme polenta with red pepper and walnut tapenade and roasted cherry tomatoes was pleasing but not remarkable and rather set the tone.



The main course of grilled lamb cutlets in a chilli, honey and balsamic glaze, with celeriac purée, spinach and fondant potatoes, on the other hand, was something of a treat. The lamb was just a little chewy, but the end result was a pleasing blend of strong and subtle

tastes that worked well together.

Finished off with a chocolate fondant, and all washed down with a bottle of Coleridge Hill wine, the total bill for two of us was a little over £70.

The Marine Hotel offers a more traditional take on fine dining, which the town lacks. A touch more

effort all round and it could yet prove a major contender.

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## Lap-dancing club deserves support

SO Canterbury has finally grown-up and has a lap-dancing club (KoS, last week).

But there will always be those that whine about it, yet secretly participate anyway. It has been the same whenever the sex industry becomes public.

Managed correctly, this club can thrive like any other business. It's actually sad so many bemoan such activities in today's open society.

At least the club is up front about its business rather than hidden down a back alley. Hidden establishments nearly always given rise to trouble.

**Derek R Packham, via email**

## Tories' axe cuts through us all

THE Conservatives on Dover District Council have stripped £12.5 million out of the housing revenue account.

This account is made up of council house rents and is only meant for maintaining the district's council houses. It could be used to increase the amount of social housing available and, given the increasing number of people looking for a home, is much needed.

But the Conservatives have robbed the account to fill in the black hole in the council's finances that their Government's policies are creating.

Labour tried to stop the raid by proposing the Tory-run council actually spent the money on social housing by buying properties for refurbishment or rebuilding.

However, the Conservatives turned this idea down.

Local Conservatives are desperate for cash to prop up basic services, let alone some of the other things residents want the council to do.

To add insult to injury, the present Conservative MP is posing as caring about the council's tenants, when his government has done much to hurt them with the bedroom tax and everyone else through swingeing cuts to councils like Dover district.

**Mike Eddy, Deal**

## Keep fighting the airport madness

SO the Thames Estuary airport has raised its head again (KoS, last week).

Can I just say to all people in favour of this, you are barking up the wrong tree.

Cliffe and the Thames Estuary are special protection areas which have been identified as being of interna-

## LETTER OF THE WEEK



## Why education is still failing our youngsters

I WAS left feeling slightly jaded after reading the Financial and Legal Skills Partnership's ineffective, second hand, empty statement (KoS, training/education page 29.9), as if they have the answers to a very difficult problem that has been ongoing since the 1980s. Although they are not the only such company to do so.

Allow me to state the problem in simple terms: state-run/controlled comprehensive schools do not teach what industry wants.

They never have, which is why we used to have technical schools/colleges that taught artisan trades.

The sad introduction of the NVQ system has never, even in a small way, replaced the huge benefits we experienced having dedicated technical colleges.

State schools are designed to get students into colleges or universities through teaching the subjects in the national curriculum.

Unless students tread this path, they will find it almost impossible to get employed, without a qualification in a vocational subject, studied in the further/higher education sector.

State-run schools have to adhere to the national syllabus, which are essentially academic, with pressure from Ofsted to achieve results in line with their demands and standards.

The other main disabling factor comes from commerce and industry itself.

The majority of businesses in the UK are in the small and medium sector; in other words employing less than 60-150 personnel.

They are under pressure to achieve the level of profit needed to stay in business; they do not have the will, or personnel, to supervise work placements.

This is a trying, time consuming role, directing undisciplined youngsters without any work ethos into a work function.

This can also cause ripples with the existing workforce that can have dire results to the efficiency of the business.

Therefore, these young people are given mundane, unimportant job functions, often isolated, that they do not learn from, making the whole business a waste of time for both parties, and perhaps psychologically harmful to a impressionable youngster.

The greatest contribution any training programme can give to school leavers, is to develop inter-personal skills and personal presentation to its attendees.

If any so-called training organisation can effectively answer this conundrum, they have not shown up on the Richter scale yet.

**John Atkins** (retired employment training consultant), Greatstone

tional importance for the breeding, feeding, wintering or the migration of rare and vulnerable species of bird. Such sites cannot be destroyed.

The marshes and the whole estuary, from Higham up to the Isle of Grain is a truly special place and will be for generations to come.

So do not let Boris Johnson poison your mind in thinking a big lump of concrete is the way forward.

No estuary airport.

**Bob Standing, Meopham**

## Paying a heavy toll for crossing

IT seems like the Highways Agency thinks it is doing us a favour by spending £367m of taxpayers' money to a French company (KoS, last week) for the new tolls.

Everybody, but everybody, despises the cost of the Dartford crossing which is essential for motorists who live in the south east. I assume the cost of using the crossing will go up to cover this expenditure?

All the UK's toll crossings should be freed up. The savings would not only be financial, but it would save on pollution and time lost queuing up to get past them.

**L Frowde, Kings Hill**

## Obsession dents Clegg's cronies

I WONDER how many readers laughed out loud when they discovered at the end of the letter deriding Ukip, from Dr Alan Bullion of Tunbridge Wells (KoS, Letters, 29.9) that he is a member of the Liberal Democrats?

In many places across the country, Cornwall, for example, where I was born and raised, and here in Kent, thousands of Lib Dem voters are bracing themselves for the prospect of having to force their writing hand onto the ballot paper, as they aim to elect their party of choice, only to 'get the Tories again'.

No wonder the Lib Dems have dipped so seriously in the polls as thousands of their voters have watched them ditch policies and principles as they pursue their obsession of being 'in government'.

Nick Clegg and the rest of his Lib Dem band appear oblivious to the fact they are a party 'in government', but not 'in power' and as a result, the vast majority of the voting public just cannot take them seriously on anything, least of all Ukip and its opposition to our continuing membership of the European Union.

**Christopher Hudson-Gool, Maidstone**

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by **Mark Turner**  
from Ramsgate

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**NOT LONG TO WAIT:** The county's second John Lewis at home store is due to open before the Christmas rush



## Department store already at home ahead of opening

With just five weeks to go, **Joe Bill** pays a visit to the site of Ashford's eagerly anticipated John Lewis at home store to get an update on its construction

ANYONE who has lived their life in Ashford will know the town has had more than its fair share of ups and downs when it comes to its retail offering.

Like so many centres, it has had to combat the gradual decline in the traditional shopping centre, and embrace the expansion of out of town developments.

And certainly the town has a rather fractured spread of venues and destinations.

But where many of its Kent neighbours continue to struggle, Ashford is riding a wave of optimism; perhaps finally seeing some of that much-touted potential finally being delivered.

The town centre had a valuable injection of life with the expansion of County Square, and the sometimes controversial, but certainly innovative, shared space – a scheme which liberated the town from the

concrete chain of the ring-road it had previously seen so tightly confined within.

The McArthurGlen Designer Outlet on the outskirts of the town has become an established hit, and with each new housing development, comes another opportunity to develop a retail park.

Given the town's impressive transport links, it is perhaps little surprise that the fastest growing of those are all within easy reach of the M20.

All of which makes it a little clearer why retail giant John Lewis has fast-tracked the opening of its latest 'at home' store – which is now a mere month from opening.

Certainly the site has grown at remarkable speed. Situated within sight of junction nine of the M20, from start to finish the work is scheduled for a mere 25 weeks.

And with five weeks to go, there is

still much to be done.

It is a vast building, set over two floors, and will provide an essential ingredient to attracting just the sort of demographic the town wants to woo.

It may look like there is still much work to be done, but all are swift to assure visitors that come November 7 – its scheduled opening day – it will be ready for business.

Certainly its impact has already been felt. Some 127 jobs are being created – 80 per cent of which are already filled – and with only Tunbridge Wells having an 'at home' store, it is likely to draw an audience from across mid and east Kent.

John Lewis' project manager, Gavin Smith, declared that the location of the 40,000-sq-ft store was a key deciding factor in heading to the town.

He said: "We've been trying to get into Ashford for as long as I can re-

member. It has a great catchment area and this John Lewis store will be just another pull to bring people to the town."

The two-storey outlet will become John Lewis' tenth 'at home' shop since the format was introduced in 2009 – focusing on home furnishings and electrical items – and it is part of the brand's growing UK presence.

With a Waitrose – part of the John Lewis Group – almost visible just down the road, it will look to create a middle class shopper's paradise.

Glynis Gunning-Stevenson, from Maidstone, is the branch manager, having held the same role at their Croydon outlet.

She said more than 1,000 people applied for the varying positions, adding: "We've recruited locally

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## Engineering a bright future as apprentice lands scholarship

JAMES Winder has been named one of the UK's brightest young engineers after landing a scholarship with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Currently an apprentice engineer at the Gillingham site of Delphi Diesel Systems, Mr Winder, from Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, won the institution's Whitworth Scholarship Award.

The scholarship will contribute £2,500 per year for four years towards the 25-year-old's mechanical engineering degree at Greenwich University.

Scholarships were presented to just 40 of the top engineering students in the UK at a ceremony at

the institution's headquarters in London, staged at the end of last month.

Patrick Kniveton, president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, said: "James is one of the most promising young engineering apprentices in the UK and I am confident that this is a further step in a hugely successful and exciting engineering career."

"The country and indeed the world's future depends on the ingenuity of the next generation of engineers, like James."

"Engineers are vital to the country's economy and are integral to the development of technology as varied as cars,



**SUCCESS:** James Winder picks up his scholarship award

power plants, mobile phones and even equipment like MRI scanners."

The institution was established in 1847 and currently has about 100,000 members, representing mechanical engineers involved in a diversity of fields such as the automotive, rail, aerospace, medical, power and construction

industries.

A spokesman explained: "The Whitworth Scholarship Awards are all about enabling outstanding engineers, who have excellent academic and practical skills and the qualities needed to succeed in industry, to take an engineering degree-level programme in any engineering discipline."

## Ford drives ahead with new recruits

SOME of the next generation of Ford engineers will benefit from the experience and excellence offered by the University of Greenwich's Medway based school of engineering.

The US motor giant selected 15 people from hundreds of applicants for the four-year programme of one-day-a-week study, leading to a bachelor's degree in engineering.

The apprentices work at Ford's Dunton Technical Centre in Essex during the week with a day in Medway.

## Law student is top of her class

RACHEL Bewick, 21, has graduated with a first class law degree, winning a 'most inspiring student award' from IT solution company Prolinx.

The Gravesend student excelled at her studies at Buckinghamshire New University in High Wycombe.

Now a paralegal at a law firm, she is now aiming to become a fully-qualified solicitor.

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## Winemaker signs pub deal with its historic neighbour

A CRITICALLY acclaimed Kentish sparkling wine is set to be stocked through Shepherd Neame's pubs and hotels.

Herbert Hall, based in Marden, has been making wines since 2011 and has had a number of top venues and critics waxing lyrical about its quality.

Its first release in 2011 was described by wine expert Matthew Jukes as "the finest debut English sparkling wine I have ever tasted".

Since then, Herbert Hall has gained some of the most prestigious listings in the UK, including Michel Roux's Le Gavroche restaurant in London and high end retail outlets Harrods and Fortnum & Mason.

Their winery in Marden even makes a special cuvée for HRH The Prince of Wales' Highgrove brand. But for the coming years it will now take its place in more than 350 pubs and hotels in the Shepherd Neame portfolio.

Herbert Hall founder and winemaker,



Nicholas Hall, said: "My family has farmed hops in Kent for four generations, so I have a love for the history of this great brewery. I named the wine Herbert Hall after my great grandfather, who started farming in Marden in 1893 on the site that is now the vineyard. I am sure he would approve of the wine and that we are working with a brewer he would have known."

This comes just weeks after Shepherd Neame announced a 10-year deal with Swiss logistics company Kuehne and Nagel Drinkflow Ltd in a bid to grow their brand and distribute their beverages to Europe and further afield.

## Hundreds of new jobs for Christmas

HIGH street retail giant Argos will be creating 200 jobs across the Kent area to cope with the Christmas demand for 2013.

The group, which has stores in Dartford, Gravesend, Maidstone, Chatham, Canterbury, Sittingbourne, Dover and Tunbridge Wells, will be offering a range of roles for people looking for work during the festive season.

Initial contracts for the roles are for three

months but managing director John Walden has said some jobs have the potential to become permanent at the end of the season.

He said: "As we approach our busiest shopping period of the year, we need the extra support in our stores from enthusiastic colleagues to ensure that we continue to deliver brilliant customer service to the millions who shop with us at this time of year."



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# Learning from legends: How to be mentored by masters

Face-to-face support is invaluable, but not always possible, **Bev James** offers another way

THERE is no substitute for experience when it comes to the world of business.

It can be very lonely running a company, so having a mentor who has been there, done that and bought the T-shirt can be a great help. In fact I would thoroughly recommend that anyone in charge of running a business should get a mentor if they can.

Businesses go through different stages of development and it is fantastic to

have someone on your side who has the experience to help you navigate potential troubled waters. The problem with this is the fact that not everyone will have the contacts or the time to find someone with the necessary experience and know-how to offer their support and advice.

There is no substitute for 'live' one-to-one mentoring, but there are other strategies that could work very well.

This may sound strange, but I have a set of imaginary mentors in my head and what's great about my set of advisors is that I can always turn to them for help no matter what time of the day or night it happens to be.

When I am faced with a problem I will ask myself how my mentors would deal with the situation. They act as my virtual board.

I have plenty of heroes and heroines

from the world of business but the ones I always find myself turning to in times of need are listed below.

So... over to you. Who will you have as your imaginary mentors?

■ **Bev James is an entrepreneur and business coach, MD of The Coaching Academy and founder and MD of the Entrepreneurs' Business Academy – a joint venture with Dragons' Den star James Caan.**



## Sir Richard Branson

One of Britain's best known businessmen, I have always admired him for his ability to think big and to surround himself with some truly talented people.

Even though he is now one of the most successful businessmen in the world, Sir Richard has not always had the breaks. He is dyslexic but rather than be held back or defeated by this, he has always looked forward rather than backward. He has always been ambitious and far-sighted enough to look for the next opportunity.

If I were to take one lesson from the head of the Virgin empire it would be to always think big, to see the possibilities and be ready to take full advantage of every opportunity.



## Steve Jobs

When you look at the most successful organisations of the modern era, Apple has to be up there.

It changed the way we live our lives and its recent iPhone release sales prove it still comes up with incredibly innovative products.

At the heart of the Apple success story was Steve Jobs, a man who always had more creative vision and drive than those around him.

Even though he was ousted from the firm he created, he returned to bring it back from the brink of collapse and launch one of the most successful and productive periods in its history.

What really sets Steve Jobs apart from the pack is his absolute refusal to settle for second best. He set incredibly high standards for himself and expected the same from the people who were lucky enough to work with him.

My lesson from Steve Jobs is to always ask yourself "is this really the best we can do?" and to keep pushing the boundaries; don't settle for mediocrity.

## Coco Chanel

A particular heroine of mine, Coco Chanel had a vision which transformed the way women dressed forever.

The fact that her classics are still as relevant today as they were 70 years ago tells you everything you need to know about her highly impressive creative skills.

What is even more inspiring is the fact that she came from incredibly humble beginnings to become one of the most dominant and important influences in the world of fashion.

From a business point of view, I have always been impressed with the way she mastered every aspect of her chosen trade.

She is a great example of just how important it is to know as much as you can about every aspect of your chosen business.

Her lesson is to remember that she didn't follow trends, she created them.

## Walt Disney

This man had an incredibly creative vision and he also refused to accept defeat or take no for an answer.

When he came up with the idea for a full-length cartoon, no one in Hollywood was interested; they didn't believe anyone would watch for that long.

Disney was convinced though, he believed a feature length cartoon would be a success and the rest, as they say, is history.

At the heart of everything Disney achieved, from his films through to his theme parks, there was a creative vision and a passion for perfection.

His ability to understand how to entertain people and his unshakeable faith in his own talent is what sets him apart. He shows how important it is to stick to your principles and always keep faith in yourself and your own products.

The lesson I take from Walt Disney is, dream big but don't miss the detail.

## Wide catchment area anticipated as new store makes itself at home

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which is great. What I am particularly excited about was that there was quite a diverse range of people who will be working. Diverse in age, ethnicity, background, whether they've been employed, unemployed or self-employed. It's been a really good mix."

The John Lewis at home outlet will include a 92 seat café, a nursery section and a pick-up point for customers who have ordered goods online overnight.

She continued: "This is part of our long term strategy to give our customers what they want in the format that best suits them.

"We have really good coverage across the country online but as far as bricks and mortar shops are concerned, this was one of the catchments we wanted.

"We expect to be pulling people in from Whitstable on the north Kent coast, and as far east as Dover and up from Hastings.

"Previously, people living in east Kent who wanted to go to John Lewis would have had to travel across to Tunbridge Wells or up to Bluewater and that's a long way."

While John Lewis is quick to point to what the customer wants, perhaps the biggest cheer will be from the offices of Ashford Borough Council; delighted at landing such a brand which packs such a punch.



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## Conveyancing and just what it means for you

In the first of a two-part article, solicitor **Edward Foster** explains the processes that help ensure your move to a new home passes as smoothly as possible

**M**ANY of you who have bought or sold property will have certainly heard of conveyancing.

However, who actually understands what the process involves or, for that matter, what solicitors actually do in the process?

In its simplest terms, conveyancing is the process of transferring ownership of property or land from one person to another.

In reality it is more complex and a lot more bureaucratic. There are many standard forms and documents with which to contend.

Although properties and clients vary, here I have provided my general experience of a standard conveyancing transaction.

I have divided the process into four distinct stages: pre-exchange, exchange of contracts, completion and post-completion.

I hope you'll find it is useful.

### Pre-exchange instruction

UPON receiving your initial instructions, your solicitor will obtain details of the transaction from the estate agent.

The solicitor will then send you their 'terms of business', with a request for funds to cover any initial expenditure.

Having read the terms, if you still wish to proceed you will need to sign and return this so they can start work.

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### Sales particulars

HAVING been instructed on the purchase, your solicitor will contact the seller's solicitor, requesting the contract documentation from them.

This arrives in a pack containing:

- the formal agreement for the sale and purchase (containing items such as details of the selling price and which fixtures and fittings, such as carpets, are included).
- the property's title documents (giving information about the property's boundaries and legal restrictions or rights on the property, among other things).
- the Energy Performance Certificate for the property.
- the many standard forms that need to be completed by the seller.

### Investigations, searches and enquiries

WHEN your solicitor receives this documentation, they will:

- proceed with title investigations to ensure the seller has the right to sell the property and that there are no serious matters affecting the property.
- conduct searches with the local authority about planning permissions, highways and planned public works that might affect the property, for example roadworks schemes.
- raise pre-contract enquiries with the seller's solicitors, if not already supplied. Having viewed the property, you should let them know if there

are any particular questions you need answered. For example, which fixtures and fittings are included in the sale or where do the boundaries lie. You will be sent a short questionnaire about this.

### Mortgage and survey

IF YOU are using a mortgage to finance your purchase, you'll need a formal mortgage offer from your lender before you sign the contract.

On receiving this, the lender will also send instructions to your solicitor, together with the mortgage documents for your signature.

These mortgage documents will include a copy of the lender's valuation report. This should be looked at carefully.

We would recommend at this stage that you have your independent survey carried out as you may not be able to rely on the report prepared for the lender unless this was specifically commissioned by you.

It is obviously very important, where you do not require a mortgage, that you have a survey carried out anyway.

If you are buying a new property you should have it surveyed when it is ready for occupation.

### Report to you

WHEN all the preliminary matters have been dealt with, your solicitor will send a written report to you and let you have copies of any important documents.

This will usually include a plan of the property and details of any relevant rights and restrictions.

■ See next week for the final part of this article.



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# Fiat's little inflation-buster

WE might dread economic inflation rearing its head again, but Fiat has been happily blowing lots of air into its pretty 500 supermini.

First the Italian marque's talisman was morphed into the 500L mini-MPV, and now it's had more pounds per square inch added to create the 500L MPW (Multi Purpose Wagon).

As I've said before, I think Fiat has literally stretched a point by expecting us to believe the 500L really is a sister to the 500 itself and not a marketing ruse.

Nevertheless, this family load-carrier's hard-nosed looks conceal a very practical and capacious cabin, now further extended into the MPW, which can be specified with 5+2 seats – that's a way of saying five seats for adults and a couple for the kids or, more specifically, people up to 1.65 metres tall, according to Fiat.

Even if the two rear chairs are minimalist, though, it is still a feat of cabin-space engineering, for which Fiat has some impressive form.

The MPW's oldest ancestor would be the original 1956 Multipla, created by legendary Fiat designer Dante Giacosa, who recast his little 600 saloon to create a cab forward six-seater.

It was a hit with big families and taxi-drivers in Italy but something of a handful with its rear engine layout and modest power, disappearing in 1965.

The Multipla resurfaced in the late 1990s, to describe another six-seater with two rows of three abreast.

Again there was an Achilles' heel; this time odd looks divided opinion that even a midlife reshaping could not reconcile.

Fortunately, the new MPW has neither of its predecessors' faults: the 500L series handles and rides well and, while the newcomer might be functional, it hardly insults the eye.

It is also attractively priced from £15,795, especially against its obvious rival, BMW's Mini Countryman, which starts at £16,615 and can't offer those extra seats.

If you want the 5+2 seating option, you will pay a £700 premium and using the seats will restrict boot space to just 178 litres.

Fold them flat into the floor, though, or simply buy the five-seat version and capacity rockets to 638 litres – better than many mainstream MPVs – while folding the middle row of seats creates a vast van-like load space.

Fiat claims the MPW is the "most

## Other view...

### the Petrolhead

Somehow I doubt whether a hot Abarth version is waiting in the wings. It's also almost as ungainly and ugly as the Multiplas.

### the Woman Driver

It's not as cute as a 500, but I like the practicality and the way it can be customised – and it's cheaper than the Mini equivalent.

### the Eco-warrior

I love it. It's economical, practical and roomy and there's no swank about it – a perfectly decent car for moving your family around.

compact 5+2-seat people-carrier in the segment" – it is just 4,352mm in length, 1784mm in width and 1,667mm in height – and a credible alternative to buying a C-segment or Ford Focus-class estate car.

Two trim levels are offered: Pop Star and Lounge. Judging by the original 500L, I have to recommend the less chintzy Pop Star, which is well specified anyway with air-con, cruise-control, 16-inch alloys, touchscreen infotainment system, six airbags, a full suite of stability and traction-control safety systems as well as rear parking sensors.

Lounge trim additions include rear electric windows, front fog lights, dual-zone automatic climate control, automatic headlamps, rain sensors, front seats with seat-back tables and storage nets, rear privacy glass and electric glass sunroof.

There's a good choice of engines: 95bhp 1.4-litre petrol (five-seat model only); 105bhp 0.9 TwinAir turbocharged petrol; and two turbodiesels, an 85bhp 1.3 – also available with the Dualogic automatic transmission – and 105bhp 1.6.

You can also have nine body colours, mixed and matched with roof and mirror colour combinations.



**HIDDEN EXTRAS:** Fiat's 500L MPW (Multi Purpose Wagon) comes with a 5+2 seating option, top, for an extra £700, a long way from its oldest ancestor, the 1956 Multipla, right



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We waited ages for a worthy replacement to Peugeot's 205GTi, but **Steve Loader** reckons the 208GTi has the 205 fun factor and same potential to be a big seller...

## Peugeot 208GTi

Price:	£18,895
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# A lion's pride... the 205 revived

BACK in the hot-hatch heyday of the 1980s, Peugeot's 205GTi could claim to be king.

It was not an uncontested crown – the VW Golf GTi and Ford's XR Fiesta and Escort all had hands on it – but none could quite touch the French star's compact good looks and point-and-shoot *élan*.

Peugeot tried to follow up on its success with GTi versions of the 206 and 207 – the 205 supermini's successors – but neither had the same *je ne sais quoi*.

Indeed, I understand Peugeot UK insiders were so frustrated by these inferior efforts that they begged the lion brand's French HQ to either get it right next time or not bother.

Well, they bothered and got it right with the new and aggressively-priced (£18,895) 208GTi, even if the newcomer seems less riotous than the 205 sportster.

For the 208GTi is less showy and the exhaust note quite muted, but times have changed; many buyers won't be as young as those for the 205GTi and, besides, youngsters wouldn't get the insurance nowadays.

So, the new car is more suited to the tastes of those who want to recapture their days at the helm of the 205 or were just a bit too young then but aspired to that joy.

They will welcome discreet additions to the 208 profile, notably modest sideskirts and a rather more prominent rear spoiler, but nothing to attract the dreaded 'boy racer' label.

Nevertheless, the 205GTi genes are present to have you grinning as the car tackles a clear and twisty road; the grip is huge yet, like its forebear, it can be pushed back smartly into line if it does scramble, helped by a small steering wheel that quickly translates your orders.

Peugeot has tweaked the already-impressive 208 chassis and created a winner, aided and abetted by the low-emission (139g/km CO2) turbocharged 1.6-litre petrol engine.

This revs beautifully and is mated with a slick, quick six-speed box to create the type of combination that



**GEAR CHANGE:** Peugeot's 208GTi is slightly more understated than the 205 but still packs a keen punch

wooded 205GTi-lovers.

Mind you, the 205 didn't need to cope with 200bhp – even the flagship 1.9-litre model never developed more than 126bhp – yet the 208GTi plants this enormous power for a supermini through its front wheels without a hint of a bucking steering wheel as it races from 0-62mph in 6.8 seconds.

That's impressive, even if lacking in drama, and a lesson to many supermini and family hot-hatch-size rivals.

It also adds to the feeling that the 208GTi might be a worthy successor

to the original 205, but it's also a hot-hatch for a different era where road conditions, fuel consumption and emissions must be far more controlled – this politically-correct GTi emits 139g/km of CO2 and returns 47.9mpg on the official combined cycle.

A keen driver can drive fast and safely but also has all the comforts and toys required for an average driving day bunched in traffic.

The ride is amazingly smooth for a car of such handling and grip; the cabin is highlighted with red

stitching and sporty features yet as comfortable and spacious as we've already seen on the 208 range. Like its illustrious forebear, though, it is available only as a three-door.

Any carping relates to the 208 range in general: the far from stylish transition from the dashboard trim to that of the front doors – a point so small that it emphasises what a great car the French supermini is overall.

And while the GTi is still not a true 205GTi replacement, it is the best possible successor for our times and worth the wait.

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## End of road for T2

VOLKSWAGEN is axing its famous Volkswagen T2 camper-van after more than 60 years.

The remaining production line in Brazil is closing because the old-timer cannot be upgraded to new safety standards set by the government there.

So ends an era in which the 'Kombi' camper became an icon for free-spirited wandering and the surfer set... something its modern-day California counterpart (also pictured) cannot match.



## Taking a real Note

NISSAN'S smart new-generation Note has arrived on UK roads, straight from the Japanese marque's huge Sunderland plant.

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## LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

**AUCTION SALE**  
**15th OCTOBER 2013**



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### Shepway District Council Audit of Accounts 2012/13

The audit of Shepway District Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 has been concluded. An unqualified opinion on the Statement of Accounts was given by Grant Thornton UK LLP on 27 September 2013 in accordance with the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Audit Commission's Code of Practice, together with a certificate.

Any local government elector for the Shepway area is entitled to inspect and make copies of the Statement of Accounts or have copies sent to them and is entitled to inspect and make copies of the Grant Thornton report to Shepway District Council.

The Statement of Accounts is available for inspection at the Civic Centre, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY between 9.00am and 4.30pm (Telephone: 01303 853238) or can be downloaded from the Council's website [www.shepway.gov.uk](http://www.shepway.gov.uk)

Kathryn Beldon  
Deputy Chief Executive  
2 October 2013

## LICENSING ACT 2003:

### Application for Premises Licence

Sycamore Stores Trading Ltd of Sycamore Stores, 165 Northwood Road, Broadstairs, Kent has applied to Thanet District Council, P.O. Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent for the Variation of a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003. A copy of the application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Thanet District Council offices, address above. The licensable activities will be the sale of alcohol for consumption, off the premises only, between 06:00hrs and 22:00hrs every day (Monday to Sunday). Any representations in respect of the application should be made in writing to the Licensing Department, Thanet District Council, P.O. Box 9 Cecil Street, Margate, Kent before the 30th October 2013. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

[www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk)

## LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF SWALE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No.7B) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL have made the above Orders under section 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The order was made on 30th September 2013, will come into effect on 14th October 2013, and will amend the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borough of Swale) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2010 by

(a) introducing waiting restrictions on all days between 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm at the west end of High Street, Eastchurch to prevent long term parking of vehicles advertised for sale, and Monday to Friday 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 5pm between Lansdown Road and Landowne Primary School, including the Lansdown Road junction, in Sittingbourne to improve vehicle movements at school drop off and collection times.

(b) establishing new parking places for disabled persons vehicles (blue badge holders) in Shellness Road (near Village Hall) and Wing Road (near Village Hall), Leysdown, Fleetwood Close (34) and Miller Court (2), Minster, North Road (4 Jubilee Crescent), Queenborough, Granville Road (2), Jefferson Road (50), Marine Parade (105) and Vincent Gardens (45), Sheerness, and Brier Road (5), Charlotte Street (126), Fairleas (23), Middletune Avenue (7), Oak Road (69), Park Road (151A), Regis Crescent (35), Ridham Avenue (58), Shortlands Road (45) and Stanhope Avenue (51), Sittingbourne.

(c) revoking redundant parking places in Barrow Grove (59), Park Road (222/224), Portland Avenue (5) and Victoria Road (36), Sittingbourne

These proposals were advertised in this newspaper in June 2013, together with other proposals to extend the existing double yellow lines on the west side of the Queenborough Road cul-de-sac, Minster, and amend the existing 20 minute waiting limit to 60 minutes in East Street, Sittingbourne, which were both subject to objections and will no longer be progressed.

The Order includes some wording changes of an administrative matter which will make no alterations to existing parking and waiting restrictions, and will require no changes to existing parking lines or signs.

Full details are contained in the made Order which, together with a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map and a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the made Order may be examined at the Borough Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT, or Sheerness Gateway Offices, 38-42 High Street, Sheerness, ME12 1NL during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of an Order or any of its provisions on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Swale Borough Council (01795 417125) during normal office hours.

This Notice is published on behalf of Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 2XQ.

**For publication in Kent On Sunday  
From Sunday 6th October, 2013**



### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010, PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREA) ACT 1990-SECTION 67.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) AND 13(4) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT.

Proposed development at WATERSIDE PARK M20 J28, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT

I give notice that Gallagher Properties Ltd.

has applied to the MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Hybrid planning application (part outline-part detailed) for re-grading of site to form development platforms including the creation of new bunds and batters; the development of a new industrial estate comprising up to 56,000m<sup>2</sup> of B1 office/light industrial, B2 general industrial and B8 storage and distribution uses; ancillary cafe and crèche facilities; creation of a new access to the A20; new internal access roads; parking, internal drainage, structural landscaping and the diversion of the existing public footpath, with access to be determined and appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval. Detailed permission sought for the erection of a new warehouse building (23,533m<sup>2</sup>) and associated offices (4,145m<sup>2</sup>) with access, service yard, parking and landscaping.

And that the application is accompanied by an environmental statement. The proposed development would affect the setting of a listed building, is a major development as defined in Article 2 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010, affecting a public right of way, and does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan in force in the Borough of Maidstone.

Application Reference **MA/13/1549**.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and environmental statement on the Council's website via [www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk) or at our Reception at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm) excluding Bank Holidays.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from Mr J Buckwell, DHA Environment, Eclipse House, Eclipse Park Sittingbourne Road, Maidstone ME14 3EN (e-mail [info@dhaplanning.co.uk](mailto:info@dhaplanning.co.uk) or telephone: 01622 776226) so long as stocks last, at a charge of £300 for a paper copy of the full ES including appendices, printed ES without appendices £50, printed non-technical summary, singularly or in addition to the above, FREE, and £25 for a CD copy of the full ES with appendices.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should do so via the link on the Council's website [www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk)

or write to the Council, quoting reference **MA/13/1549**, at:-

**Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 6JQ**

by **28th October 2013**

### NOTICE OF INTENDED LAND DISPOSAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council intends to dispose of the freehold interest in two areas of land, which are for identification purposes described in the schedule to this notice.

This notice is given in so far as the areas of land consist of or form part of an open space within the meaning of the above Section.

A plan of the land is available to view at the Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AB or at the Weald Information Centre, The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HF.

Objections to the proposed disposals must be made in writing to the Legal Services Manager, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS by no later than 11th October 2013.

#### SCHEDULE

Land on the east side of Hearten Oak Lane, Hawkhurst, Kent, TN18 4ED (also known as Hartnokes) (approximately 0.05 hectares)

Land at Woolley Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 0EJ (also known as Prospect Road) (approximately 0.04 hectares)

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager

Dated 20th September 2013

### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2012-2013

#### NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF AUDIT AND DEPOSIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Audit of the Accounts of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2013 has been concluded and the Statement of Accounts are available for inspection at the Gateway, Royal Tunbridge Wells, weekdays (excluding public holidays) between 9am and 4pm or on the Council's website at:

<http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/council/performance-and-spending/financial-reports-and-budget>

As required by Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1988 the Statement of Accounts will be open to the inspection of any local government elector of the Borough who may make a copy of it or of an extract from it.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA  
Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)  
Town Hall  
Royal Tunbridge Wells  
Kent TN1 1RS



### GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

MICHEAL JOHN GRANT trading as MICK GRANT HAULAGE LIMITED of 36 Yeates Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2UH is applying for a licence to use BRETT CONCRETE, ST MICHAELS CLOSE, AYLESFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT ME20 7XE as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

### LICENSING ACT 2003: Application for Premises Licence

Take notice that Zavros Properties has made an application in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003 for a premises licence for 84 Watling Street, Gillingham, Kent ME7 2YP.

The application is for the following licensable activities, sale of alcohol from performance of dance, recorded music, and live music.

This application has been made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR. Full details of the application and plans can be viewed at or requested from Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR during normal hours of business.

Any interested party who wishes to make a representation about this application should do so in writing to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham Kent, ME4 4TR or by sending an email to [licensing@medway.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@medway.gov.uk) no later than 12th November 2013.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application which, upon conviction, carries a maximum fine of £5,000.

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## HIGHWAYS – CANTERBURY AREA

**ST DUNSTAN'S TERRACE, CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable repairs to underground phone cables to restore customer service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of St Dunstan's Terrace, Canterbury.

St Dunstan's Terrace will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with London Road.

Closures are planned to commence from 24 October 2013 for up to 3 weeks, weekdays only, between 08:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day.

The alternative route is via London Road, New Street and Orchard Street.

## HIGHWAYS – DARTFORD AREA

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD)  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)**

**CONSOLIDATION (AMENDMENT NO. 15) ORDER 2013**

NOTICE is hereby given that THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984:

The effect of the Order is to introduce, amend and revoke regulations. These apply as follows:-

**In the borough of Dartford**

Install or amend: 'No waiting at any time' regulations	Anne Of Cleves Road, Dartford; Bean Road, Greenhithe; Broomfield Road, Swanscombe; Cedar Drive, Sutton At Hone; Roseberry Gardens, Dartford; Shepherds Lane, Dartford.
Revoke: 'No waiting at any time' regulations	Bean Road, Greenhithe; Church Road, Swanscombe (opposite Harmer Road); Roseberry Gardens, Dartford; Shepherds Lane, Dartford.

Full details are contained in the has made Order which, together with the relevant plan, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX and at Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, 4 Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Paul Thrower, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to [TRO@kent.gov.uk](mailto:TRO@kent.gov.uk), quoting the title of the Order by noon on 5th November 2013.

John Burr, Director of Highways & Transportation Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

## HIGHWAYS – DOVER AREA

**FORGE LANE, SUTTON, DOVER  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install a kerblin, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Forge Lane, Sutton, Dover.

Forge Lane will be closed between the junction with Church Hill and the Pumping Station.

The closure is planned to commence from 21 October 2013 for up to 3 days. Due to the nature of these works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside normal working hours.

The alternative route is via Vale Road, Wingleton Lane, Winkland Oaks Road and Waterworks Hill.

**OAK STREET, DEAL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Oak Street, Deal.

Oak Street, Deal will be closed for its entire length.

The closure is planned to commence from 21 October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via High Street, King Street and Middle Street.

Due to the nature of these works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside normal working hours.

**OLD DOVER ROAD, CAPEL-LE-FERNE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Old Dover Road, Capel-le-Ferne.

Old Dover Road will be closed in phases between the eastern junction with New Dover Road (Dover end) and the junction with Alexandra Road, with no through access.

The closure is planned to commence from 7 October 2013 for up to 5 days, between 07:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The alternative route for through traffic is via B2011 New Dover Road and Alexandra Road. Additional local diversions may be signposted on site as the works progress.

**WINGLETON LANE, RIPPLE, DEAL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of railway bridge maintenance and repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Wingleton Lane, Ripple, Deal.

Wingleton Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The closure is planned for Sunday 13 October 2013 from 01:00 hours until 23:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Crooked S Road, Ripple Road and Ringwood Road.

**WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD LEVEL CROSSING,  
SANDWICH  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER  
OCTOBER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Woodnesborough Road Level Crossing, Sandwich.

Woodnesborough Road will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

Closures are planned as follows

**Friday 11 October** from 22:30 hours overnight until 07:00 hours.

**Wednesday 16 October** from 22:30 hours overnight until 06:00 hours

The alternative routes are

*Eastbound* via Woodnesborough Road, St Bart's Road, New Street, Cattle Market and Moat Sole

*Westbound* via Moat Sole, Cattle Market, Harnett Street, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, St Bart's Road and Woodnesborough Road.

**(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING  
PLACES)**

**AMENDMENT NO.19 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL hereby makes the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984:

- 1) The effect of the named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines;

**LONDON ROAD, SHOLDEN**

- a) On the North-Eastern side of the road  
From a point 23 metres south-east of its junction with Sholden New Road to the junction with Sholden New Road
- b) On the South-Western side of the road  
From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 25 metres in south-easterly direction

**PADDOCK CLOSE, SHOLDEN**

On both sides of the road

From its junction with Sholden New Road for a distance of 12 metres in a south-easterly direction

**SHOLDEN NEW ROAD**

- 1) On the south-eastern side
  - a) From its junction with London Road for a distance of 10 metres in an north-easterly direction
  - b) Between points 10 metres south-west and 12 metres north-east of its junction with Paddock Close
- 2) On the north-western side  
From its junction with London Road for a distance of 38 metres in a north-easterly direction

**SANDWICH ROAD, SHOLDEN**

- 1) On the North-Eastern side of the road  
From its junction with Sholden New Road to a point 368 metres north-west of the junction with Sholden New Road
- 2) On the South-Western side of the road  
From a point opposite the centre line of Sholden New Road to a point 373 metres in a north-westerly direction

**NEW ACCESS ROAD TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES,  
SHOLDEN**

- a) On both sides of the new access road  
From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 9 metres in a north-easterly direction

**IN ACCESS ROAD TO COTTINGTON LAKES**

- a) On both sides of the access road  
From its junction with Sandwich Road for a distance of 5 metres in a north-easterly direction

A copy of the Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined on Mondays to Friday at the offices of Dover District Council offices, Whitfield Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ and at Kent County Council Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD and Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ during normal opening times

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF DOVER)  
(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND  
DEDUCTED ROADS)**

**AMENDMENT NO.1 ORDER 2013**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1984) as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

**SANDWICH ROAD, SHOLDEN**

The effect of the proposed Order will amend the existing 50mph speed limit;

From a point 95 metres northwest of Sholden New Road to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road will be reduced to a 30mph speed limit and

From its junction with Bridge Hill to a point 304 metres northwest of Sholden New Road 50mph speed limit.

A copy of the Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the Order may be examined on Mondays to Friday at the offices of Dover District Council offices, Whitfield Business Park, Whitfield, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ and Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Unit 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD and Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ during normal opening times

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose

## HIGHWAYS – MAIDSTONE AREA

**B2015 MAIDSTONE ROAD, NETTLESTEAD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of high friction surfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2015 Maidstone Road, Nettlestead, on or after 13 October 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed 50m either side of B2162 Hampstead Lane.

The alternative route for over 7.5T vehicles is via A228 Seven Mile Lane, A26 Maidstone Road/Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Hill and for normal traffic via Station Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Gravelly Ways, Beltring Road, A228 Branbridges Road/Boyle Way.

**STEPS HILL ROAD, STOCKBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Steps Hill Road, Stockbury, on or after 21 October 2013 for up to 23 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Chalky Road and A249 Sittingbourne Road.

The diversion is via Chalky Road and A249 Sittingbourne Road.

**THE GREEN, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT Openreach fibre cabling, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Green, Boughton Monchelsea, on or after 23 October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Church Street to Haste Hill Road.

The alternative route is via The Green.

**B2010 TOVIL ROAD, TOVIL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2010 Tovil Road, Tovil, on or after 25 October 2013 for up to 1 night between 20.00hrs and 06.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junctions with Forest Hill and Eccleston Road.

The alternative route is via Old Tovil Road, A229 Loose Road/Linton Road, B2163 Heath Road, Dean Street, B2010 Dean Street/Farleigh Hill/Tovil Hill.

## HIGHWAYS – SEVENOAKS AREA

**CASTLE HILL, HARTLEY, SEVENOAKS  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a new gas service to be installed, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley, Sevenoaks, on or after 21st October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Talbot Lodge and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Fawkham Road, B260, Hartley Road.

**CRAMPTONS ROAD, SEVENOAKS  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a new mains connection and installation of a valve on an existing connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cramptons Road, Sevenoaks, on or after 21st October 2013

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for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Otford Road and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Cramptons Road, Otford Road.

#### **KINGSWOOD ROAD, DUNTON GREEN, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a new sewer connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Kingswood Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, on or after 7th October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside no 7 Kingswood Road and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Station Road, London Road, Milton Road.

The closure is to enable a new sewer connection and these works are to be carried out by Initial Systems Limited.

#### **KNATTS VALLEY ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of allowing BT safe access to an overhead network for cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Knatts Valley Road, West Kingsdown, on or after 21st October 2013 for up to 10 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Knatts Lane in a south westerly direction to outside Bush Farm and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Knatts Lane, Tinkerpot Lane, Hills Lane, Knatts Valley Road.

#### **LOWER GREEN ROAD, LEIGH, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of detailed railway bridge examination works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lower Green Road, Leigh, Sevenoaks, on or after 22nd October 2013 for up to 1 night from 22:00pm until 23rd October 06:00am.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Ensfield Road, Haydens Lane, B2176 Penshurst Road, A26 London Road, A226 Quarry Hill Road, B2260 High Street Tonbridge, A227 Shipbourne Road, B245 London Road, Hildenborough, Leigh Road, Stocks Green Road, Rings Hill, B2027 Hildenborough Road, High Street, Lower Green Road and vice versa.

#### **MAIN ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of detailed railway bridge examination works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Main Road, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 7th October 2013 from 22:00pm to 06:00am on 8th October or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the bridge and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Station Road, B2027 Four Elms Road, B269 Pootings Road, Sprout Lane, B2026 Main Road.

The alternative route is not suitable for heavy goods vehicle over 11ft 3inches (3.5m).

#### **MUSSENDEN LANE, SOUTH DARENTH AND HORTON AND KIRBY, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of laying a new BT ductline and upgrading existing duct and cables, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mussenden Lane, South Darenth and Horton and Kirby, Sevenoaks, on or after 26th October 2013 for up to 10 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Speedgate and Rays Hill and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Three Gates Road, Scratchers Lane, Main Road Gorse Hill A20, Dartford Road A225, Horton Road.

#### **STATION ROAD AND HOGTROUGH HILL, BRASTED, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of allowing BT safe access to the carriageway to undertake cabling works for a new customer connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road and Hogtrough Hill, Brasted, Sevenoaks, on or after 9th October 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Station Road from the junction with Coles Lane to Hogtrough Hill junction with Pilgrims Way, Brasted, Sevenoaks and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Pilgrims Way, Brasted Hill Road, Coles Lane and vice versa.

#### **YORKS HILL, IDE HILL (GOATHURST COMMON) SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A

Because of a sporting event (cycling time trial) Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Yorks Hill, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, on 13th October 2013 for 1 day from the hours of 08:00hrs to 12:00hrs.

The road will be closed at the junction with Gracious Lane, Chevening for a distance of some 707 yards and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Gracious Lane, Wheatshaf Hill, B2042, Ide Hill Road and Scallops.

#### **HIGHWAYS – SHEPWAY AREA**

#### **CRETE ROAD EAST, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce during carriageway repair works on B2011 Dover Hill, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Crete Road East, Folkestone. Crete Road East will be closed at the junction with Dover Hill.

Closures are planned to commence from 16 October 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:00 hours and 16:30 hours each day.

Access remains from A260 Canterbury Road. The alternative route for through traffic is via B2011 Dover Hill, A260 Hill Road and Canterbury Road.

#### **GUILDHALL STREET NORTH, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow a detailed inspection of the railway bridge to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Guildhall Street North, Folkestone.

Guildhall Street will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The closure is planned to commence from Thursday 10 October 2013 at 22:00 hours overnight through until 06:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Broadmead Road, Bournemouth Road, A259 Radnor Park Road, Cheriton Road, Brockman Road, Coolinge Road and Guildhall Street.

#### **STONE HILL, SELLINDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of telegraph pole replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Stone Hill, Sellindge.

Stone Hill will be closed between the junctions with Hythe Road and Coopers Lane.

The closure is planned to commence from 24 October 2013 for up to 1 day, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours.

The alternative route is via A20 Hythe Road, Church Road, Woolpack Hill and Plain Road.

#### **VARIOUS ROADS, RURAL SHEPWAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER OCTOBER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on various roads in rural parts of the Shepway area, planned to commence from 9 October 2013

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Closures are between 09:00 hours and 16:30 hours each day, with roads otherwise re-opened.

**CHURCH ROAD, LYMINGE** closed between the junctions with High Street and Well Road

**7 October 2013** for 3 days

The alternative route is via High Street and Well Road

**REECE LANE, SWINGFIELD** closed between the junctions with Ladwood and Hoad Road

**9 October 2013** for 3 days

The alternative route is via Ladwood and Hoad Road

**MAGPIE LANE, ELHAM** (Rhodes Minnis) closed between the junctions with White Horse Lane and Mount Hill

**11 October 2013** for 2 days

The alternative route is via White Horse Lane, Chapel Lane and Mount Hill

**MACKIE LANE, NEWINGTON** closed for its entire length

**16 October 2013** for up to 3 days

The alternative route is via Tan Barn Road and Teddars Leas Road

**SCHOOL HILL, ELMSTED** closed for its entire length (including un-named section), i.e. between the junctions with the un-named continuation of Dean Bottom and Podlinge & Ittinge Lane

**28 October 2013** for 3 days

The alternative route is via Dean Bottom, The Street, Waltham Road, Hassell Street and Podlinge & Ittinge Lane.

#### **HIGHWAYS – SWALE AREA**

#### **BELL ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to remove unsafe trees in the footway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on sections of Bell Road, Sittingbourne.

Bell Road, Sittingbourne will be closed in phases, as shown below.

**Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October**

Bell Road closed between the junctions with High Street and Avenue of Remembrance

The alternative route is via Avenue of Remembrance, Park Road, West Street, St Michael's Road and Crown Quay Lane

**Saturday 2 November**

Bell Road closed between the junctions with Stanhope Avenue and Highsted Road

The alternative route is via Avenue of Remembrance, Park Road and Gore Court Road

**Sunday 3 November**

Bell Road closed between the junctions with Highsted Road and Brenchley

#### **HIGH STREET, MARINE TOWN, SHEERNESS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage repairs to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of High Street, Marine Town, Sheerness.

High Street will be closed between the junctions with Millennium Way and Broadway (Clock Tower).

The closure is planned to commence from Sunday 27 October 2013 for up to 8 days. Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours.

The alternative through route is via A250 Millennium Way, Trinity Road and Broadway.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Broadway will be reversed between the junctions with Trinity Place and High Street, so that traffic travels westwards towards High Street.

Waiting will be prohibited on High Street, between Millennium Way and Broadway, from 01:00 hours on 27 October 2013 until the works have been completed.

#### **WALLBRIDGE LANE, UPCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow access to phone cables in carriageway to carry out repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order to

temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Wallbridge Lane, Upchurch.

Wallbridge Lane will be closed between the junctions with Otterham Quay Lane and Oak Lane.

Closures are planned to commence from 7 October 2013 for up to 5 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The alternative route is via Otterham Quay Lane, Canterbury Lane, Oak Lane.

#### **HIGHWAYS – THANET AREA**

#### **CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, CLIFFSEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install traffic calming measures, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Canterbury Road West, Cliffsend, Ramsgate.

Canterbury Road West will be closed between Cliffsend Roundabout and the entrance to Jentex.

The closure is planned to commence from Saturday 26 October 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Due to the nature of these works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside normal working hours.

The alternative route is via A299 Hengist Way, Lord of the Manor Roundabouts and Canterbury Road West.

#### **VARIOUS ROADS, KINGSGATE, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on various roads in Kingsgate, Broadstairs.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

**WHITENESS ROAD & KINGSGATE BAY ROAD** closed for their entire length

**21 October 2013** for up to 2 days

Alternative route via George Hill Road and Convent Road

Access will be maintained to Woodland Way and Holland Close, as signed on site.

**JOSS GAP ROAD** then closed once the above roads have been re-opened

**22 October 2013** for up to 1 day.

Alternative route via Elmwood Avenue, Callis Court Road, Grange Road, Beacon Road and Convent Road

Closures are between 07:30 hours and 16:30 hours each day with roads re-opened outside these times.

#### **HIGHWAYS – TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA**

#### **PILGRIMS WAY, AYLESFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order for a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 miles an hour on Pilgrims Way, Aylesford on or after 21 October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The restriction will be in force from the start/end of the dual carriageway to the junction of Bull Lane.

#### **RIDGEWAY CRESCENT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a sewer connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ridgeway Crescent, on or after 7 October 2013 for up to 8 working days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside number 68 to The Ridgeway.

The alternative route is via The Ridgeway, Ridgeway Crescent.

#### **HIGHWAYS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA**

#### **A229 HIGHGATE HILL, HAWKHURST (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

##### **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

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Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A229 Highgate Hill, Hawkhurst, on or after 23 October 2013 for up to 6 nights between 19.00hrs and 07.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A268 High Street to A229 The Moor.

The alternative route is via A268 High Street/ Hawkhurst Road, A21 London Road, A229 Merrimants Lane/Horns Hill/Horns Road.

**John Burr**  
Director of Highways & Transportation  
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Dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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## PLANNING



### THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y13/0938/SH** - 4 Pleydell Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2DN - Conservation area consent for the demolition of a warehouse building.

**Y13/0955/SH#** - Land Adjoining Orchard Cottage The Street Postling Kent - Construction of a single dwelling (resubmission of Y13/0219/SH).

**Y13/0974/SH** - 23 The Old High Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1RL - Listed building consent for small scale demolitions and extensions and internal and external alterations in connection with planning application Y13/0973/SH

**Y13/0973/SH** - 23 The Old High Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1RL - Refurbishment of properties inclusive of internal and external alterations. Construction of new kiosk (A1 use) and external stair access created on the vacant plot of No. 29 The Old High Street with the erection of two flank walls and landscaping.

**Y13/0982/SH** - Cliffe House Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2TY - Rolling consent to reduce 13 trees situated within a conservation area on an annual basis for a maximum period of 15 years, to the heights specified in the schedule of works document accompanying the application

**Y13/0968/SH** - Old Robus Canterbury Road Lyminge Folkestone Kent - listed building consent for structural repairs to timber and render panels to north west and north east elevations.

**Y13/0966/SH#** - Tynwald Lodge Cottage Church Road Hythe Kent CT21 5DP - Erection of detached double garage/garden room/hobby room (alternative scheme to planning permission Y12/0357/SH)

**Y13/0998/SH#** - Gun House Cannon Street New Romney Kent TN28 8BH - Works to a Yew and a Sycamore tree situated within a conservation area comprising the pruning back of overhanging branches to the boundary of Primrose Lodge

**Y13/0992/SH** - 13 Testwood Court 27 - 29 Clifton Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2EF - Installation of 2 replacement fourth floor uPVC windows.

**Y13/0964/SH** - 18 - 24 The Old High Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1RL - Listed Building Consent for minor demolitions and extensions and internal and external alterations in connection with planning application Y13/0963/SH

**Y13/0945/SH** - Flat 7 16 Augusta Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2RR - Installation of 2 replacement uPVC windows.

**Y13/0963/SH** - 18 - 24 The Old High Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1RL - Change of use of ground floor to A1/A3/A4 use (retail, food and drink, drinking establishments) and conversion of upper floors to form 3 dwellings, together with external alterations and extensions.

**Y13/0680/SH** - Enbrook Manor House Risborough Lane Folkestone Kent CT20 3JS - Listed building consent for the removal of an internal wall.

**Y13/0937/SH** - 4 Pleydell Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2DN - Erection of a two storey block of 4 self contained flats.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney  
+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council

## PLANNING

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/00775	Change of use from shop to one bedroom flat <b>9 Athol Terrace, Dover, CT16 1LT</b>	LCN
DOV/13/00783	Outline application for the redevelopment of the site to provide a foodstore with associated car parking, petrol filling station (to include associated kiosk and car washing facilities), access and servicing arrangements and landscaping (to include removal of existing surface infrastructure) <b>Discovery Park, Enterprise Zone, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9ND</b>	MD
DOV/13/00791	Erection of a single storey side extension <b>Ashen Tree Lodge, Ashen Tree Lane, Dover, CT16 1QL</b>	CON
DOV/13/00797	Realignment and construction of a new earth embankment in Reaches 8 and 11, as part of the new Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences <b>Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences, Sandwich, CT13</b>	ALL
DOV/13/00794	Creation of a 5MW solar Farm with associated solar panels, invertors, sub-stations, security fencing, access, infrastructure and associated works <b>Land to the South of the River Stour, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NL</b>	MAJ
DOV/13/00676	Installation of replacement windows and doors <b>42 Archery Square, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7HP</b>	LCN
DOV/13/00677	Installation of replacement windows and doors <b>42 Archery Square, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7HP</b>	LCN
DOV/13/00786	Installation of replacement windows and painting of masonry walls, timberwork and metalwork <b>160 Middle Street, Deal, CT14 6LW</b>	SLC
DOV/13/00792	Erection of wall, railings and piers to front (existing railings to be removed) <b>29 The Strand, Walmer, Deal, CT14 7DX</b>	CON
DOV/13/00793	Installation of replacement front door and repair of existing front door surround <b>12 Exchange Street, Deal, CT14 6LN</b>	LCN
DOV13/00801	Erection of single and two storey rear extensions, installation of an external staircase and terrace area and associated external alterations <b>Maxteds Pet Shop, 136 High Street, Deal, CT14 6BE</b>	SLC
DOV/13/00568	Change of use of land for the keeping of horses, including livery for five horses (part retrospective) <b>Fancys Folly, Lower Road, Staple, Canterbury, CT3 1LH</b>	ARW

#### Reason for Advert Codes:-

**MAJ** – Major Development **CON** – Within Conservation Area

**MD** – Proposal is a major development and a departure from the Development Plan

**LCN** – Listed Building in a Conservation Area **ARW** – Affects a Public Right of Way

**SLC** – To affect setting of a Listed Building & Conservation Area

**ALL** –Listed Building, in a Conservation Area, affects a Public Right of Way and is a major development

**Some applications are not publicised in this list.** All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked “for the attention of Planning”. Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website [www.dover.gov.uk/planning](http://www.dover.gov.uk/planning) or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Office or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

**Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. Any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.**

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

### THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

**MA/13/1423/S** - PEPPER COTTAGE, VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6DY - An application for an extension to garage building to provide a sitting room and link extension to main house. **Reason: 1**

**MA/13/1424/S** - PEPPER COTTAGE, VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6DY - Listed building consent for extension to garage building to provide a sitting room and link extension to main house. **Reason: 3**

**MA/13/1523/N** - LAND WEST OF BICKNOR FARM COTTAGES, SUTTON ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT - The erection of 100 dwellings together with associated new access road, car parking, landscaping, and open space. **Reason: 1, 6, 9**

**MA/13/1543/N** - 1, MARSHAM STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1EW - An application for conversion and change of use of existing doctor's surgery in to two residential units. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/13/1544/N** - 1, MARSHAM STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1EW - Listed building consent for internal alterations to facilitate the change of use of existing doctor's surgery in to two residential units. **Reason: 3**

**MA/13/1584/S** - LAND EAST OF, SMITHS HILL, WEST FARLEIGH, KENT - An application for a proposed agricultural building with associated hardstanding. **Reason: 7**

**MA/13/1591/N** - THE TEN BELLS, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SE - Change of use and conversion of existing building to a four bedroom single dwelling and erection of a car port. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/13/1630/N** - 1, MARSHAM STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1EW - Construction of new dwelling. **Reason: 1, 2**

#### Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **20th October 2013**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 6th October 2013.



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### Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**113/02783/LBC** **Ashmede Crook Road, Brencley**  
- Listed building consent–Single storey rear addition (LB)

**13/02782/FUL** **Garages And Land Rear Of 21-23 Eridge Road, Broadwater**  
- Minor Material Amendment of TW/12/00597/FUL Demolition of existing garages and construction of two detached houses–changes proposed are construction of properties in brickwork instead of render; use of UPVC sash windows–Variation of Condition 10 of Planning Permission TW/12/02917–To reduce the height of existing wall to 2.4m and made good by rendering south facing elevation (CA)

**13/02718/LBC** **Cobblers Cottage Angley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Listed Building Consent–Replacement of 3 No. white painted softwood single-glazed windows with white painted softwood single-glazed windows (LB)

**13/02781/FULMJ** **Breach Farm Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Controlled atmosphere/cold storage building for fruit (MAJOR)

**13/02694/FUL** **84 London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**  
- Change of use from offices and dwelling above to one dwelling including demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new smaller rear extension (CA) (LB)

**13/02792/HOUSE** **7 Boyne Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**  
- Demolition of attached single storey brick stores. Erection of 2 storey side extension and rear dormer extension. Conversion of attached garage into bedroom. Removal of chimney stack and installation of velux roof window to front roof. New vehicle access and extension of driveway (CA)

**13/01994/HOUSE** **Lidwells House North Road, Goudhurst**  
- Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage (LB)

**13/02728/FUL** **Risebridge Farm Ranters Lane, Goudhurst**  
- Proposed closure of existing drive, new driveway for shared uses, detached garage, garden wall, additional hedge planting, soft landscaping, drive access road and water attenuation pond (LB)

**13/02764/FUL** **Frith Farm Park Lane, Hawkhurst**  
- Replacement dwelling and garaging with associated landscaping, lake enhancements and landscape and ecological management, and to include installation of solar panels to existing roof barn (PROW)

**13/02765/HOUSE** **5 Iddenden Cottages High Street, Hawkhurst**  
- Proposed one and a half storey extension to dwelling and restore old chimney with flue (LB) (CA)

**13/02767/LBC** **5 Iddenden Cottages High Street, Hawkhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Proposed one and a half storey extension to dwelling and restore old chimney with flue (LB)

**13/02773/LBC** **Heath Stores Grocers The Heath Stores, Horsmonden**  
- Listed Building Consent–Addition of a log burning stove and flue (LB)

**13/02693/FUL** **Mark Maynard 26 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Change of use from Class A1 (Shop) to Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) (CA)

**13/02763/HOUSE** **3 Eden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Minor material amendment–to include amendment to the garage door design, lowering of ground floor levels in rear section of the building, revisions to door positioning on the west elevation and the addition of roof lights and revision of balcony on east elevation as flush Juliet balcony (CA)

**13/02738/FUL** **262 Royal Victoria Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- New shopfront at ground floor level (CA)

**13/02393/FULMJ** **Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust The Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Pembury**  
- Construction of modular car parking deck on north car park to provide additional 151 car parking spaces (MAJOR)

**13/02714/HOUSE** **4 Upper Street Rusthall, Rusthall**  
- Demolition of existing outhouse and erection of a conservatory (CA)

**13/02702/HOUSE** **Old Chapel House Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**  
- Extension linking Old Chapel House and the store. Alterations to the store (LB)

**13/02703/LBC** **Old Chapel House Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**  
- Listed building consent–extension linking Old Chapel House and the store. Alterations to the store (LB)

**13/02762/FULMJ** **Royal Mail Tunbridge Wells Delivery Office, Sherwood**  
- Removal of conditions 7, 19, 21, 22, 25 & 28 of TW/12/02480 for change of use from Post Office sorting depot, demolition of an existing storage warehouse and construction of Audi motor vehicle dealership, providing sales, service/repair, MOT facilities, valet and vehicle preparation and external display (MAJOR)

**13/02768/LBC** **Ground Floor Flat Windy Edge, Southborough Town Council**  
- Listed Building Consent: Installation of extractor vent to kitchen and replacement of extractor vent to bathroom (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN11 1RS

**Dated: 5 October 2013**



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# Planning applications



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Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA/13/01720/FUL: 21 King Edward Street, Whitstable, CT5 1JU** Replacement of metal front door, wooden frame and fanlight with solid composite door in white uPVC frame with fanlight with obscure fixed glass; replacement of metal back door and wooden frame with uPVC door and frame. **Applicant: Mr S Warner** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/13/01768/FUL: Diocesan and Payne Smith Primary School, Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LU** Proposed conversion of existing primary school building and the addition of two two-storey semi-basement buildings. **Applicant: The Kings School** Reason: Major/setting of listed building/conservation area.  
**CA/13/01769/LB: Diocesan and Payne Smith Primary School, Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LU** Proposed conversion of existing primary school building and the addition of two two-storey semi-basement buildings. **Applicant: The Kings School** Reason: To a listed building.  
**CA/13/01784/LB: 61A Northgate, Canterbury, CT1 1BB** Repair and strengthening of front elevation. **Applicant: Castle Lane Securities Ltd** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/13/01785/FUL: 1 Oakleigh Lane, Bekesbourne, CT4 9EB** Proposed side porch/log store (existing porch to be demolished).  
**Applicant: Mrs A Hawkswell** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/13/01797/FUL: 25 Plantation Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LG** Side and rear extensions to dwelling and erection of detached oak-framed garage. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Collyer** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/13/01812/FUL: 18 Westbere Lane, Westbere, CT2 0HH** Erection of single-storey extension to rear. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Wenn** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/13/01829/FUL: 4 Grasmere Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LX** Extensions to existing domestic property (side and rear) single and two-storey. **Applicant: Mr K and Mrs T Buchan** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be submitted via public access on the planning pages of the website [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc) to arrive on or before **Monday 28 October 2013**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 4 October 2013



## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

### REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 21 OCTOBER 2013

**SW/13/0715:**  
Listed Building Consent for erection of internal partition wall and installation of velux window to form new separate bathroom and attic bedroom (retrospective) - 36 Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

**SW/13/0771:**  
Change of use of first floor to 2 No. two bedroom flats and alterations to existing ground floor shop front to provide access to first floor - 19A Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

**SW/13/0787:**  
Proposed two storey and single storey extensions and alterations including new rear vehicular access - Jaycroft, Rodmersham Green, RODMERSHAM; **REASON 1**

**SW/13/1107:**  
Listed Building Consent to insert gate in rear garden wall to create an access point - 19 West Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 2**

**SW/13/1145:**  
Proposed single storey rear extension - 44 Park Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

**SW/13/1151:**  
Erection of a new 39 bedroom hotel and linked entrance foyer to clubhouse with associated parking and landscaping, along with alterations and extensions to the existing clubhouse - Boughton Golf Course, Brickfield Lane, BOUGHTON; **REASON 3**

**SW/13/1156 & SW/13/1187:**  
Proposed ground floor extension at the rear - 3 Swanton Street Cottages, Swanton Street, BREDGAR; **REASON 2**

**SW/13/1165:**  
Installation of 2 new loading doors (retrospective) and installation of one further entrance door to enable coils to be kept inside the factory - Thames Reinforcements Limited, New Road, SHEERNESS; **REASON 3**

**SW/13/1173:**  
Single storey side extension and internal alterations - The Rose Inn, 80 High Street, QUEENBOROUGH; **REASONS 1 & 2**

**SW/13/1175:**  
Install a garden shed 8' x 6' (2.4m x 1.8m) at far end of garden from house. Shed of timber with single pitch roof max height 6' 6" (1.95m). To replace much larger shed recently removed in much better and less obtrusive location - Bridge House, Front Brents, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

**SW/13/1189:**  
Change of use of agricultural land to residential for the siting of an array of 142 demountable photo voltaic panels and installation of supply cable to provide a domestic electricity supply - Grove House, Grove Road, SELLING; **REASONS 1 & 6**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

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Head of Planning

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### PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

#### NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS CB225 & CB225A,  
BARHAM & ADISHAM)

#### PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

On 24 September 2013 The Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to extinguish:-

The entire width of that length of Public Footpath CB225 which commences on Out Elmstead Lane (U11636) at NGR TR 2070 5109 (Point A) and runs for 266 metres in an easterly direction to its junction with Dover Road (A2) at NGR TR 2096 5105 (Point B).

The entire width of that length of Public Footpath CB225A which commences on Dover Road (A2) at NGR TR 2104 5102 (Point C) and runs for 473 metres in an easterly direction to its junction with Public Bridleway CB268 at NGR TR 2152 5103 (Point D).

All directions are general, all distances are approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

The Order came into force on 24 September 2013, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 6 October 2013, make an application to the High Court.

### PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

#### NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER303 AT SHEPHERDSWELL)  
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

On 25th September 2013 The Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with a width of 1.2 metres which commences on Eythorne Road at NGR TR 2584 4805 (point A on the Order plan) where there are 4 steps and runs generally south-south-east for approximately 80 metres to its connection with Church Hill at NGR TR 2587 4798 (point B on the Order plan). (Between points A-B on the Order plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Dover District Council, The Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PG or at the Kent County Council, Public Rights of Way & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

This Order became operative as from 25th September 2013 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and

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Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 6th October 2013 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

### PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

#### NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAY SD192 IN THE PARISHES OF EYNSFORD AND FARNINGHAM BYWAY SD192

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(i), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Byway SD192, between its junction with Beesfield Lane west to its junction with Priory Lane (NGR TQ547 660) from the 21st October 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed to all vehicle and equestrian traffic because surface re-grading works are to be carried out on it. The works also require a period of consolidation before the route is re-opened to all traffic.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact David Munn

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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### PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

#### NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS22 AND PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY ZS22A

IN THE PARISHES OF MINSTER ON SEA AND EASTCHURCH  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZS22 AND  
PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY ZS22A)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(i), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZS22 and Public Bridleway ZS22A between the junction with Chequers Road / Eastchurch Road and Lower Road, Eastchurch from 27th September 2013.

The route will be closed for a maximum of 6 months.

The route will be closed to enable remediation works and prevent further land slippage and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

Contact Centre Tel: 0845 345 0210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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Dated: 6th October 2013

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# Hill tight-lipped on BSB future as new test awaits

Fans' favourite Tommy Hill is agonising over his future and a possible return to British Superbikes after a year away from the sport, but in the meantime he is enjoying his graphic-design business and taking to four wheels in a new challenge at Donington Park this weekend, as **Greg Miles** discovers.

**F**ORMER British Superbikes champion Tommy Hill has taken a year out of the sport, but he has not lost any love for speed and is taking his career in a surprising direction this weekend.

Normally more comfortable and famous for his exploits on two wheels, Hill is doubling up to four this weekend at Donington in an entirely new challenge in the APR Volkswagen Racing Cup.

Having ridden motorbikes since the age of six, the change to car-racing is giving the Edenbridge man a new buzz. It comes a week shy of 12 months on from when he saw his 2012 BSB title hopes slip away at Brands Hatch.

Sittingbourne's Shane 'Shakey' Byrne clinched his third crown in emphatic fashion on that mid-October weekend and after a dominant season Hill had to be not so content with third place.

A month later, he shocked the sport and announced he was taking a year out. With the fire still very much burning for bikes, he is considering a return, while continuing to build up his graphic-design business.

Although he drove go-karts as a youngster, motorbikes always came first. But a chance drive in Nissan's PlayStation car, the Nissan GT-R, this summer opened up that world once again.

The Japanese giant has for a number of years been giving pros of driving games a chance at the real thing in the GT-R and Hill found himself in the right place at the right time to give it a spin himself.

"We got tested by the DTM champion and ex-world endurance touring car champion, who were with us," he said. "They were sitting there with their notepads assessing us while we were smoking the tyres up. I had a big smile on my face afterwards."

The 28-year-old's chance in the Volkswagen, which he is pictured testing below, came about after watching his friend and ex-BSB rider Josh Caygill in action when it came to Brands Hatch earlier this year.

"The organisers heard about me being there and dropped me a message," he said. "They had a spare car and dusted it off for me."

Although he knows the racing world from his decades on a bike, competitive car-racing brings with it a new challenge for Hill, who was surprised by the technical set-up.

"It's different mentally to the bikes," he said. "I have the race craft, but it's about the reactions of under-steer and the over-steer."

"I couldn't believe how technical it was. I thought I was going to jump in the car and race around."

"I feel like I'm concentrating a lot more, but that's probably because it's new to me."

"It's the same as someone else going on a bike at 100mph. When I'm teaching people on track days on the bike I go down a straight with my arm off going at 100mph pointing at the track."

"The person I'm teaching, his eyes are like golf balls and he's holding on for his life. I'm jumping in the car and it's different for me. There's

more concentration because it's new to me. Going into that first corner, it's going to be completely different."

"You've got to be calm and that will help you through. I just get a buzz from it."

His foray behind the wheel does not signal the end of his days on a bike, though. There is, as yet, no concrete plan for a return to ride in the BSB or elsewhere.

However, he hopes to get back into the sport somehow and it may not necessarily be as a rider.

"It's all up in the air – I do miss the racing," he said. "I had such a good season last year."

"I won more races than Shakey, but that's irrelevant – it didn't work out in the end at the Showdown. We had a really good team, though."

"The fire is still in my belly. I want to do something different. I would like to be back in the championship, but I'm not sure in what form. I

want to keep the door open. If I want to do something, I will do it 100 per cent. I don't want to let people down. It's about making sure it's done right."

Hill revealed changes within the sport were part of the reason he decided to quit last autumn, with politics a key part of his decision.

"It's all about how much money you can bring into the team," he said. "It's not good for the sport – there won't be any money available soon enough."

"There are a lot of young riders who haven't got a big cheque-book."

"It's all about where you're from and what passport you've got, or if you're a crowd-puller. It's very political. That takes away a lot of the enjoyment."

"It got to a point where it got out of my control. There were sponsor deals done that I wasn't a part of and it took away the enjoyment. It's a shame, that's the way it's going."

A mental break was also needed for

a whole-hearted Hill, who admits he would change his approach if he were to ride again.

"Every day I put everything into it," he said. "If we were going out for the day or shopping, I was always thinking about the racing."

"I would not want to treat myself. If I finished fourth, I wouldn't go out. Some people would say that's not good, some might say it's unwanted pressure on yourself. For me that's what I felt like I needed to do to win a championship. If I went back, I would change it so I would enjoy it a bit more."

**T**HAT break has given Hill time to relax and enjoy family life with his son Harrison, who was born in December. It has also given him the chance to concentrate on his design business Imagedzign ([www.imagedzign.com](http://www.imagedzign.com)), which sees him creating logos for such outfits as Ashford's World Superbike rider Leon Camier, Moto GP ace Cal Crutchlow, Monster Energy and his old Swan Yamaha team.

Australian cycling teams and local boxing clubs also show off his design work. Recently he has also launched his own range of cross-motorsport riding gloves called Zone Gloves.

His creative flair developed from an enjoyment of art lessons at school and has given him a plan B should racing not go to plan, which has sometimes been the case.

"At 17 I got a loan out for a sticker machine and learnt how to use the programmes and designed things for people," he said. "It just went from there."

**“The fire is still in my belly. I want to do something different. I would like to be back in the championship, but I’m not sure in what form”**

**Tommy Hill,**  
2011 BSB champion

## HILL BACKS SHAKEY TO CLINCH HISTORIC FOURTH TITLE

THE end of the British Superbike Championship season is set to be as thrilling as ever.

Going into the penultimate round this weekend at Silverstone, Sittingbourne's Shane 'Shakey' Byrne had a one-point lead over rival Alex Lowes after an incident-packed first Showdown ride at Assen.

The pressure of the Showdown series, which pits the season's top six points-scorers against each other in the final three rounds, is something that Tommy Hill knows all too well.

He had won more races than anyone heading into the Showdown in 2012, but a crash at Assen on the start grid left him behind and effectively out of the title race, which Byrne won in a thrilling finale at Brands Hatch.

Hill is backing Byrne to do the business once again as he bids to claim a record fourth title.

"I would probably put my money on Shakey, but Lowes is going well," he said.

"Lowes has signed for Shakey's boss for Moto GP next season. It could make a rider relax a bit more

because he knows he's got his deal, but he will still want to win and he'll be pushing hard."

"All the way through the season you think 'Do you need to push hard?'. You want to win, but you don't want to wreck your chances or force yourself out with an injury. It's important to be consistent."

"You've got to go into it open-minded and go into it race-by-race and not look at the points too much. It's a high-pressure situation."

**■ The final round will take place at Brands Hatch on Friday to Sunday, October 18-20.**



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**VICTORY:** Tommy Hill celebrating after winning the 2011 BSB title at Brands Hatch

World Superbike Championship

2006 – **23th**

2009 – **6th**

Supersport World Championship

2007 – **22**

2008 – **NP**



"In 2001 I started the company and I just got more and more business – that's where I am now. I'm doing more logos and graphics outside the sport."

"It was just something I liked at school – it was one of the few lessons I paid any attention to."

"I didn't get the best grades, but I worked hard outside of school and achieved at other stuff. I worked hard and got the flair for it."

"I've always tried to be a bit busy with other stuff. It doesn't always work out in racing, so it's important to have something to fall back on."

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### Kent five get England call-up for busy winter programme

FIVE Kent players have been included in England women's performance squad for their winter.

Tammy Beaumont, Charlotte Edwards, Natasha Farrant and Lydia Greenway are included in both the performance squad for 2013/14 and the team to tour the West Indies this winter, while Laura Marsh is included in the performance squad.

She misses out on the

tour to the Caribbean as she continues her recovery from injury sustained in the Ashes campaign this summer.

The tour to the West Indies starts later this month before the team head to Australia at the start of 2014 to defend the Ashes.

The team will play in a T20 Tri-Series against the hosts and New Zealand and an ODI series in the Caribbean starting in Barbados on October 16.



**EDWARDS:** On tour



**PRAISE:** Allen happy with reaction

### Title chances slim for Caine and co

OMAN Air Motorbase head into the final round of the British GT Championships harbouring hopes of stealing the title.

Ahmad Al Harthy and Michael Caine still have an outside chance of claiming the overall championship title this weekend at Donington for the Wrotham-based team.

They will start the deciding two-hour race 10 points down on the championship leaders, a position that is identical to where they were going into the final round last season when they dramatically won the title.

Team manager David Bartrum said: "We want to win the title again, but we're not going in with the expectation of last year. The odds are against us."

### Trio taken off transfer list at Gills

GILLINGHAM manager Martin Allen has taken Charlie Lee, Steven Gregory and Chris Whelpdale off the transfer list.

The Gills boss put the three and Antonio German up for sale last month in a bid to freshen up the squad and raise money for new recruits. Following the 3-0 win at Crewe, the club's first three-point haul this season, he praised the midfield trio.

He said: "Their attitude in training has been spot on and the spirit and unity within the group is most definitely getting better."

### Quartet a boost to Oystermen squad

WHITSTABLE Town have bolstered their squad by bringing in four fresh faces.

The Ryman One South side have poached forward Craig Thompson from Hythe Town, ex-Woodstock Sports striker Ashley Baverstock, 26, left-sided player Dylan Richards, 20, from Margate, and keeper Matt Byott, 21, from Lordswood.

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